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T. EDMUND WINTER

## OUR RANKS ARE BROKEN

**A** GREAT loss has befallen our China Mission by the accidental drowning of two of our bright and promising young missionaries—Mr. T. Edmund Winter and Mr. James A. Laubach. They met death returning from the commencement of the Zierner Girls' School at Yochow City, to Lakeside, which is five miles away.

Both of these young men are sons of our ministers—Rev. John F. Winter, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Rev. Edward H. Laubach, of Scottdale, Pa.

The funeral services were held in Huping Chapel on June 28th.

The heart of the Church goes out in deepest sympathy to the sorrowing parents, to the young widow and infant son, and to the members of our China Mission.

Is there not a new, loud and impelling call to all of us in the untimely home-going of these two young missionaries? Their places must be filled immediately. The obligation rests upon someone to come forward and say: "I will go to fill the broken ranks!"

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# The Quiet Hour



In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs 3:6.

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That is rightly called wasted time which is spent neither in the service of God nor for the good of our neighbor.

—ANTONIO GUEVARA.

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The Bible itself is a book of deep tranquillity. The peace of God rests upon its pages like sunshine on the summer hills. The record of our Lord's life is full of strange, serene leisure. His Father's business was done for thirty patient years at Nazareth.

—T. H. DARLOW.

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The noblest deeds are never wrought  
By him who anxiously takes thought  
Of all the dangers run.

—RUIZ DE ALARCON.

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Honor can't have any degree; any more than truth can have any degree. Whatever else the world can quibble to bits it can't partition those: truth is just truth and honor is just honor.

—A. S. M. HUTCHINSON.

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I feel as if God had, by giving the Sabbath, given fifty-two springs in every year.

—SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE.

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Have you not found in all your traveling by land and sea that that which you seek cannot be overtaken by swift footsteps? For true content, the lagging feet, the nimble soul.

—MARGARET SHERWOOD.

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Give yourself horizon! Keep your sky from becoming low! Allow your thought wide ranges! Let your heart roam! Furnish your sympathies spacious room!

—CHARLES E. JEFFERSON.

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Defeat may serve as well as victory  
To shake the soul and let the glory out.

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Thou shalt find a revelation of the will of God for every one of thy paths. There is no need for thee to ever let go His hand.

—BOWEN.

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Take out of life all that Jesus Christ has brought, and then stand in a great loneliness alongside Peter. You will answer as he answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

—G. GLENN ATKINS.

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Yet pull not down these palace towers that a  
So lightly, beautifully built;  
Perchance I may return, with others, there,  
When I have purged my guilt.

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The words of Jesus do not sound so faintly as they travel down the centuries. The instructions He gave so clearly time and again after His resurrection that His message and His work should be spread throughout all the nations are heard with greater distinctness today than at any time since the apostolic age.

—J. LOVELL MURRAY.

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The way to God is by the road of men;  
Find thy far heaven in near humanity;  
Love the seen neighbor as thyself. Thereby  
Thou lovest Him unseen who is thy All!

—EDWIN ARNOLD

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It is the glory of the time in which we live that men's imaginations are touched with the hope of a new social order of justice and brotherhood.

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## THE PRAYER

HELP us, O Father, to have a part in the realization and enjoyment of that good time, when Thy will shall be done in earth even as it is in heaven. We ask in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



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## Stewardship of Life, Possessions, Time and Talent

By NAOMI L. BRONG

*(One of the Best Essays Submitted in the Stewardship Essay Contest for Young People)*

ALL mankind are, by creation, God's children. God, as our Father, because of His great love for His children, has bestowed upon us all numberless gifts. Nothing has been denied to us, but in return is it not more than just and right that He should desire us to use our gifts to the greatest advantage possible?

Although many do not deny the fact that God is the Creator of every good and perfect gift, still they seem to consider that they are the sole owners of themselves, their possessions, their time, and their talents, and that they are at liberty to use them in whichever way pleases them best, regardless of the desires of the Great Giver. *We are not our own.* The first answer in the Heidelberg Catechism depicts this truth so beautifully in saying: "I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ."

Everyone should stop long enough to fully understand that we possess only *temporarily* that which God, the owner, has given us, and that some day we shall have to give an account as to how we have used His property. Luke 16: 2 so plainly tells us that man is a steward, who holds and administers that which he has as a sacred trust, and that he must some day account for all that he has.

We cannot give anything to God until we first consecrate ourselves to Him. We must make the most of our lives. Life on earth is too short to afford to spend it for

merely obtaining pleasures, power, honor and riches. All these are too fleeting, fading, uncertain and unsatisfying at best.

What, then, is *our great calling* as stewards of the Lord? As we belong to Him, we shall live unto Him, not a life of ease, pleasure and perishable gain, not a life of selfishness and waste, but of real usefulness in His Church and for His glory, working the works of Him that sent us, filling our lives with His praise, laying up treasures in Heaven, and spreading the Kingdom of God through all nations. This is our work, and we are in the Kingdom to accomplish it. We, as a Church, must in all departments do a larger work. Let us honor the Lord with our substance. We cannot honor God by glorifying ourselves. "God first and self last." Give at once to the Lord His portion. The wealthy should give abundantly, and they should do it willingly, rejoicing in the high honor of working with God in the saving of souls. God's work must advance, so that more missionaries shall be supported, more churches built, more money given the Boards and various worthy institutions. In this day of great opportunities for using money where it will glorify God and save men, should we not, as the most wealthy nation on God's earth, pour our money into the Lord's treasury for the furthering of His Kingdom?

Today everything is being done on a large scale, and the Church *must* keep

pace with its activities. Let us give *Him* our best, of money and personal service.

"Give as you would if an angel

Awaited your gift at the door;

Give as you would if tomorrow

Found you where waiting was o'er;

Give as you would to the Master

If you met His searching look;

Give as you would of your substance

If His hand your offering took."

The Church needs the mite of the poor as well as the larger gifts of the rich. God expects all of His children to give as He has prospered them. How small the snowflakes are! Still, their silent fall after awhile is powerful enough to stop a great engine. Thus, the mites of the poor aid greatly in the filling of the Lord's treasury. To be sure, if we do our best, Christ will some day call us "good and faithful servants."

Earthly riches perish. To be rich toward God is the only wealth of real value. Listen to the words of the Master:

"Take heed and beware of covetousness."

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The Church of Jesus Christ cannot meet the great opportunities confronting her unless she can command the time and thoughts of the people. Every day in the week should leave holy thoughts. More time should be spent in studying God's word and in meditation, especially on the Sabbath day. In these days, when the Sabbath is being constantly desecrated, the Christian should follow the example of Christ, when upon earth, by attending divine services on the Lord's Day. Here is a great opportunity to use our God-given talents for His service, in Sunday school work, Young People's Societies and divine worship.

O, the great need of stewardship of time and talent! We need those who are willing and not "too busy" to spend a week at a Summer Missionary Conference, a Sunday School Workers' Conference, or other inspirational conventions. We are in sore need of men and women who are willing to train for leadership for the adornment of Christ's Kingdom. In our silent meditations, as we think of His great love for us, can we not hear the voice of the Master:

"I gave my life for thee,  
What hast thou given me?"

### Book Reviews

*Captain Pluck.* By Isla May Mullins. Publishers, George H. Doran Company, New York. Price \$1.50.

The hero of this volume is not an imaginary character, but a real boy whom the author had before her mind's eye in writing the story. "True to life" is written in every page. There is a lot of punch in the book, a recital of a boy's doings that boys love to read and that parents will want them to enjoy. Mrs. Mullins has written a number of books for boys, and this, her latest book, will be welcomed by her large circle of readers. It is an inspiring study of the elements of real success.

*The Faith That Overcomes the World.* By Van Rensselaar Gibson. Published by The Macmillan Company, New York. Price \$1.00 net.

Those who are in any way interested in the spiritual philosophy of life will find this book filled with congenial thoughts. The author deals with the overcoming of Fear, Ignorance, Failure, Sin, Sickness and Death. He points the way to a time when the soul of man may dwell in joy and power born of high fellowship with the Eternal One and with his brother man; when finer issues than those concerning satiety with the mere things that bring no peace shall rule the head and heart of man, and the Father's Kingdom with its abundant riches will have come into manifestation. The spirituality and uplift of this book are great. It is something more than optimistic; it goes deep and is convincing.

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*World* is the only one in English devoted to this problem from a Christian viewpoint, so that those interested in the evangelization of the millions of Mohammedans throughout the world cannot afford to neglect this quarterly.

This valuable publication can be had at \$2.00 per annum from the Missionary Review Publishing Co., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

## Helping the Needy in Europe

THE members of our Church, especially those in our German Synods, have been most liberal in sending money, food, and clothing to our suffering brethren in Europe. Almost \$21,000 were sent through Rev. August Becker, D. D., of Cleveland. It would be difficult to report the exact figures, for the contributions passed through various channels. Our Board of Foreign Missions has distributed about \$18,000. To know that we have had even a small share in relieving the needs of our brethren across the sea should be a source of comfort to us.

The Board of Foreign Missions, as directed by the General Synod at Altoona, has been receiving and transmitting funds to the suffering Reformed Church of Europe. In view of the very great needs we regret to report that the contributions have been altogether inadequate. Had it not been for the self-sacrificing personal efforts of the President of our Board in trying to picture to our people the distressing conditions in Europe as he found them for the past few years, the help from our congregations would have been still smaller. If the many letters of grateful

appreciation received for even small gifts, could be spread before the members of our Church, we believe they would be eager to help in restoring the waste places in our Reformed Zion in Europe.

Our Board has been paying each year the salary of the pastor at Chateau-Thierry and of Dr. Barth, the Reformed Professor at the University of Göttingen. Last year it took on the support of an evangelistic minister in Jugo Slavia. Contributions have been sent to the Reformed Church of Lithuania, especially for roofing the church at Radisvislis; to Poland, for the education of two young men now ministers of the Gospel; to Vienna, for the care of orphans and the support of pastors; to Bohemia, where two millions have left the Catholic Church since the war, for the Church of the Czech Brethren; to Hungary, for supplementing the insufficient salaries of pastors and Theological professors and for aiding the Evangelization Society in its great work; to Transylvania, where 200 congregations are in danger of being lost to the Faith, and to Jugo Slavia, for the help of an orphanage. From Russia, where it is stated the Reformed Church has 100,000 members, special appeals came from Moscow and Odessa for food drafts for the starving. One special line of help has been the aiding of theological students; some of them are now studying in American institutions, who hope to go back to preach in their native land.

To keep up even a small amount of relief work, the Board should receive at least \$25,000 a year. The amount in the Forward Movement Budget for this cause is entirely insufficient to respond to even a small number of the appeals. We therefore ask the General Synod to especially commend the cause of European Relief to the liberality of our members. Other Churches are doing great things for Europe and it ill befits our Church to do less than the full measure of our ability.

A Professor of Theology in Hungary in acknowledging a draft for \$240 writes: "It is a humbling situation to ask help from others, but we thank God that He has given us real brethren in our Ameri-



PROF. CARL BARTH



can fellow believers who come to our help with a real Christian spirit. Our greatest need, however, is not money, but a great spiritual revival. Please pray for this! Not only Hungary, but the whole world, I think, badly needs it. Our Church institutions are always very near to ruin. For example, my Seminary must sell now shares which form a part of its funds to be able to buy fuel for the next year. And things are getting worse nearly every day. Surely, God has great aims with all this turmoil and we see many signs of His providential care and the final victory will be His! Please, help us to keep this faith. Help us spiritually by never ceasing prayer and help us materially that we may be able to keep our old institutions. If we shall be obliged to give up our Reformed Colleges, this will mean a death-blow to Protestantism in whole Southeastern Europe!"

### The Cross as a Missionary Problem

To be thrown back wholly on Divine resources, to be baffled by all human argument, to find that which all Christians hold most precious, a stumbling-block and an offense to the multitudes—such is the daily experience of missionaries in Moslem lands. The July number of the *Moslem World* contains much other interesting matter, but might well bear

as its sub-title "The Offense of the Cross."

Three of its most important articles deal with the Crucifixion. The Rev. E. E. Elder, in a critical study of the Koran text and of Moslem commentators, throws new light on the question why Islam denies the historicity and cruciality of the death of our Lord. Kamulud-Din's sermon on the Passion, delivered in a London mosque, and reprinted here, is startlingly significant of the chasm that separates even educated Moslems from Christianity. Another writer gives an illuminating account of the so-called "Gospel of Barnabas," which many Moslems consider the real evangel.

The leading article, by Dr. J. F. Edwards, of India, is on the "Comfort of the Holy Spirit," in relation to all these baffling difficulties and misunderstandings. No one can read it without conviction and prayer.

Other articles are entitled: New Movement Among Chinese Moslems; A Hindu Apology for Islam; Nationalism and Evangelism in Egypt and Fifty Years in Persia; the latter by the Rev. James W. Hawkes, D. D., of the American Presbyterian Mission.

Dr. S. M. Zwemer contributes a new survey of the Moslem world population. According to the figures given there are 204,429 Moslems in North and South America, 17,769,957 in Europe, 154,678,909 in Asia and Islands and 60,948,397 in Africa—a total of 233,601,692.

The Current Topics, Book Reviews and Survey of Periodicals furnish information on many lands from many sources not easily accessible to the average reader. While there are ten or twelve English magazines and reviews published by Moslem propagandists, the *Moslem*

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THREE BELGIAN STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY SUPPORTED BY OUR CHURCH

# Home Missions

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, EDITOR



## Twentieth Anniversary of Dr. D. A. Souders as Superintendent

The Board of Home Missions extends hearty congratulations to one of its Superintendents, Dr. David A. Souders, of Irwin, Pa., on completing twenty years of service as a worker in the cause of Missions. In 1903 the Board called Dr. Souders from an active and successful pastorate in Irwin, Pa., to become the Superintendent of Missions in the Pittsburgh and Ohio Synods. He continued in this service for a number of years until in 1914 when the Board created Departments, among which was the Immigrant Department, to which Dr. Souders was then appointed. Most of the Hungarian Missions were located in the territory over which he formerly exercised supervision, and he had demonstrated his ability to counsel and co-operate with Hungarian pastors and people, so that the Board at once assigned him to take charge of this very important phase of work. His study of the Hungarian people in America and their national and religious background in Europe crystallized in the writing of a book, "The Magyars in America," which has already received a wide and favorable circulation. The Hungarian Mission at Homestead, Pa., had planned to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Dr. Souders' Superintendency in connection with its own twentieth anniversary, but on account of the illness of Dr. Souders this could not be carried out as was originally

planned. A Committee, however, called at his residence in Irwin and extended to him the best wishes of the congregation and of all the Hungarian ministers in the Classis. We wish the good Doctor renewed health and strength so that he may continue in his arduous and important labors for many years to come.

## Hungarians Celebrate

IMPRESSIVE services were held in the Hungarian Church at Homestead, Pa., June 3, when nearly 1,000 Hungarians celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the organization of the congregation. A street procession, in which members of the local benefit societies took part under their flags, preceded the services. The commodious auditorium was filled to capacity. The services were conducted by Rev. Alex. Harsanyi, editor, the organizer of the congregation and a pastor of it for 19 years; by Rev. Jul. Melegh, of McKeesport, Pa.; Rev. Ernest Porzsolt, of Johnstown, Pa., and the local pastor, Rev. Sam. Horvath. An ovation was also planned to the honor of Rev. Dr. D. A. Souders, Superintendent of the Home Mission Board, who would have had the twentieth anniversary of his work as Superintendent of the Immigrant Department, but on account of the illness of Dr. Souders a committee representing the Hungarian Classis visited him in his home in Irwin, Pa., conveying the best wishes of the congregation and of all the Hungarian ministers in the Classis. Dr. Souders is one of those few men in America who devoted their time and energy to the study of the Hungarians in this country. He was intimately connected with all the Hungarian leaders, and became deeply interested in the religious welfare of the Magyars. He devoted twenty years of his life studying the Hungarians, physiologically and historically. The Magyars know that they have the best friend in Dr. Souders, to whom they can turn confidentially in all their troubles. A memo-

rial "*aere perennius*" is the book that Dr. Souders wrote some months ago, "The Magyars in America." It was published by the Home Mission Council in New York and has been accepted as a Mission Study book by a number of denominations.

### New Members of the Board of Home Missions

The Board of Home Missions is composed of twelve members representing different sections of the Church. Each is elected for a period of six years. The following were elected at this meeting of the General Synod:

From the Eastern Synod—Rev. C. B. Sehneider, D.D., and Elder E. J. Titlow.

From the Potomac Synod—Elder E. L. Coblentz.

From the Pittsburgh Synod—Rev. F. C. Seitz, D.D., succeeding Rev. J. H. Miekley, D.D.

From the Ohio Synod—Rev. H. Nevin Kerst, D.D., succeeding Rev. E. R. Williard, D.D.

From the Northwest Synod—Rev. Josias Friedli, succeeding Rev. G. D. Elliker.

### The Secretary of the Interior and Home Missions for Indians

Hon. Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, has recently invited one hundred men and women of national vision, including publicists, educators, Governors of States, churchmen and outstanding citizen Indians to advise him in reference to the methods of changed policy on the part of the government in its treatment of Indians. The Secretary recognizes the importance of determining on such plans for the Indian's welfare as shall insure his own participation in those plans and ultimately lead to an educated self-sustaining Indian citizenry.

Some of the Indians of today have individual wealth (the value of all Indian property is estimated at \$1,000,000,000), 227,000 out of 340,917 have allotments of land totaling 38,000,000 acres and two-thirds of the Indians are citizens. There are 400 Protestant and 200 Catholic mis-

sionaries at work among the various tribes and groups, with respective adherents of approximately 100,000 and 59,000. Secretaries of Home Mission Boards doing work for Indians, as also the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., are included in the group of advisers selected by the Secretary of the Interior.

### NOTES

Juniata Classis was entertained by the Mission at Juniata, of which Rev. John K. Wetzel is the pastor. Many favorable comments were made on the new social room and the equipment for the Sunday School and Junior School.

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The activities of one Hungarian pastor, Rev. Eugene Vecsey, of Conneaut, Ohio, are given as follows for the month of May: Thirteen sermons delivered at three preaching points, three Communion services held, ten prayer meetings, five preparatory services, Sunday School and Saturday School held each week in two churches, with the help of Mrs. Vecsey, two Ladies' Aid Society meetings, 42 families visited, two entertainments held, one funeral and one baptism.

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On May 13th the fifteenth anniversary of Gracc Mission, Bethlehem, Pa., of which T. C. Brown is pastor, was observed.

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Rev. A. Bakay, pastor of the Hungarian Mission at Akron, Ohio, reports: "A May festival was held the first Sunday of the month with splendid success. Our Whitsunday gatherings were occasions of great spiritual uplift."

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An Every Community Service Endeavor has been arranged by the Home Mission Council, which includes a survey of Idaho Northern California, Oregon, Wyoming and Washington. About half a dozen leading denominations are co-operating through their Home Mission representatives. The Reformed Church will be represented by Superintendent John C. Horning and Superintendent Edward F. Evemeyer.



Many of the Missionaries report having attended their Classes with their apportionments paid in full. Daily Vacation Bible Schools are being held in many of the Missions.

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The annual meeting of the Board of Home Missions will be held in Philadelphia on Thursday, July 5th, 1923, at 2 P. M., when the reorganization will be effected. This is one of the most important meetings during the triennium. It will effect the election of the Executive Officers, the Superintendents, as well as the determination of a policy for three years. The annual appropriations for the Missionaries will likewise be fixed for the year.

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A very comprehensive conference, including all the Hungarian ministers of

the Reformed Church, was held in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., June 11th to 14th. Practically all of the Hungarian ministers were present and participated in the program. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. Geo. W. Richards, Dr. H. H. Apple, Dr. H. G. Christman and Dr. C. E. Schaeffer.

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Since 1826 the Reformed Church raised for the work of Home Missions the sum of \$5,173,680. Of this amount \$1,177,575 was raised during the last triennium. This means that twenty per cent of what the whole Church raised in almost one hundred years was contributed during the last three years.

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During the triennium the Board of Home Missions secured in legacies the amount of \$65,222.

## A RURAL SURVEY

Attention is called to a pamphlet recently issued by the Commission on Social Service and Rural Work, as Bulletin No. 3, entitled THE RURAL CHURCHES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES—Report of a Church and Community Survey Made by a Questionnaire, prepared by Ralph S. Adams, Rural Church Field Worker. In this connection we take the following from the Report of the State of the Church:

According to the statistical report of the year 1922, there are 1728 congregations and 1080 charges in the Reformed Church; 23 fewer congregations than in 1920 and 23 fewer charges than in 1921. The decrease is due largely to the dissolution of rural congregations caused by the removal of families from the country to the city, and to the necessary reconstruction of charges. There are 1043 rural churches, *i. e.*, churches located in towns, villages or communities which have less than 2500 inhabitants. About 63 per cent of our churches must be classed as rural, which, however, does not imply that 63 per cent of the membership of the Reformed Church is living in the country, for the membership of the city churches is much larger than that of many of the

rural congregations. Of 403 rural churches, from which data have recently been gathered, 49 per cent have fewer than one hundred members; 19.2 per cent fewer than fifty, and some have only eight or even four members. Fifty-three per cent of these churches are supplied by non-resident ministers.

Here is a portion of the work of the Church that requires serious consideration and effective action by the classes, boards and theological seminaries. The country will always be the source from which the waning manhood and womanhood of our cities will be replenished. Many of the leaders in church, in school and in business in the cities were born in the farm house or the village cottage and reared in rural schools and congregations. Courage will be needed to dissolve some congregations; and liberality, as well as wisdom, to strengthen others. Charges must be reconstructed and young men must be found who will devote themselves, in the spirit of Christian patriotism, to the development of the rural church. Theological seminaries, in the arrangement of their curricula, should take cognizance of the fact that sixty-three per cent of our congregations are rural; that a large proportion of our ministers will



be called to such churches; and that, therefore, they should have special preparation for this form of work.

It is gratifying to observe evidences of the awakening of the Church to the importance of this field. The Home Mission Board, at the recommendation of the Social Service Commission, which itself acted upon numerous requests coming from ministers in the rural churches, appointed a Rural Church Field Worker,

who is now devoting all his time to promote, in a scientific and practical way, the welfare of the churches in the country. In our summer schools provision also is made for lectures by experts, before ministers, teachers and church workers generally. In the libraries of our seminaries scores of books on the rural church are now to be found, while twenty years ago scarcely a single volume was to be had on this subject.

## THE GENERAL SYNOD TAKES ACTION ON THE WORK OF HOME MISSIONS

THE Board of Home Missions is the creature of the General Synod. It reports to that body only. It, however, makes statements and gives out information concerning its work to other church bodies and judicatories. The General Synod alone can determine the policy of the Board of Home Missions. The Report of the Board was presented through the Blue Book to the General Synod and the same was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions, of which Rev. J. M. G. Darms, D.D., of the Mission House, was the Chairman. The Committee brought in the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

With a field that covers the entire United States, and extends into Canada; with 299 workers, 307 mission congregations, a membership of 37,421 (almost 10 per cent of our entire membership); with benevolent gifts of \$236,008, in addition to the Forward Movement, and with \$271,217 given for pastoral support, a total of \$16.25 per capita, which if given by all the members of our Church would amount to upwards of \$5,000,000; with a ministry as scholarly, spiritual and efficient as one can find anywhere, whose strength is its weakness because it excites the lure of the strong congregations who are often exceedingly "unmissionary" in drafting its men into more alluring fields; with a record of new Churches with several gone to self-support; with 80 per cent of their work in industrial centers, with the truly wonderful additions of Building Funds, with the purchase and establishing of a Hospice

(the Hudson House in New York) as the meeting place of the immigrant and traveler; with the acquisition of 28 Hungarian Churches, with property value of \$1,000,000, at an initial cost of \$132,000; with work among the Japanese, negroes, Indians and Jews, and with the extensive work among the Germans and German-Americans, among whom 10 per cent of the missions have gone to self-support; with the achievement of the Progressive and Philadelphia Projects; with a splendid record of the Department of Spiritual Resources and the employment of two full-time evangelists; with a Commission on Social Service and Rural Work that is giving a new social consciousness to our people; with a W. M. S. which has erected a new building for educational purposes among the Japanese in San Francisco, and the increasingly generous support of women workers; with the receipt of \$387,407 from the Forward Movement; with a Department of Missionary Education, which is discovering and developing capacities for missionary leadership—surely in all these acquisitions and achievements we have abundant proof that God has been with us, and that our Home Missionary Work is a factor and a force in the life of our Nation. We are proud of our splendid leadership, and of a growing appreciation by our people of the work of Home Missions. We rejoice that our great leader, Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer after months of strenuous travel and work in the interests of our Church at home and abroad, has withstood the virus of European inertia, and returned with a

deeper conviction that Christianity is the only power that can save the world, and a fresh hope that the work of the Reformed Church will give a distinct contribution toward this end.

This committee recommends: (1) Gratitude to God for His gracious favors and signal blessings, for the splendid leadership of the Board, the secretary and his associates, for the faithful labors of our workers and the loyalty and support of our people; (2) sorrow at the passing of such laborers as Dr. A. C. Whitmer, Rev. D. E. Bowers, Dr. W. A. Hale, Dr. E. R. Williard, Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly and Rev. J. W. Geier, and greetings to our fellow worker, Attorney C. M. Boush, now 92 years of age, who has given 48 years of service to the Board; (3) commendations for the missions which have gone to self-support; (4) appreciation of the splendid service of Evangelist R. C. Zartman, joy in the appointment of Rev. E. N. Evans as evangelist in Pittsburgh Synod, and hope that the other Synods will make like appointments; (5) the work of Social Service and Rural Work commended, and the securing and training of workers who would be available as pastors' assistants is urged, the attention and co-operation of our educational institutions invited; (6) the W. M. S. commended for their valued and fruitful counsel and co-operation; (7) the Board commended for withholding support from "unpromising missions," and the adoption of a policy to this effect recommended; favorable consideration is to be given to "favorable sections in unoccupied areas," instead of increasing the number of missions and building expensive Churches in centers already covered by established Churches of our denomination; (8) the Board is urged wherever possible to secure laymen and women for community social service, rural and routine work, instead of taking ministers out of the pulpit; (9) the work done by the Board among the colored people was ordered terminated, and these interests were recommended for loyal support to individuals, Churches and communities; (10) Synod expressed joy at the Progressive and Philadelphia Projects and thanked all who made this possible; (11) the Board was commended for launching

the work of evangelism; it was recorded as a lamentable fact that during the past triennium it required the services of 75 members to secure the net gain of one new member; not only the pastor, but every member should become a soul-winner, and the world is waiting for the Church to assert her spiritual leadership; men are going divergent paths, and youth is going the scarlet way of pleasure because the path that leads to a vital Christianity and a personal relation to Christ has been blocked with the traffic of material purposes and pleasures, which claim the right of way; (12) the Board was instructed to continue research work in missions and social service, and the professors of sociology in our institutions were challenged to co-operate in this important work; (13) our people are urged to fix their minds upon larger sums than the static \$500 for Church-building Funds, to meet the growing need of this department; (14) in view of the increasing responsibilities Churches are urged not only to pay the apportionment in full, but also to give special contributions, legacies and endowments for particular branches of the work; (15) the addition of the subject of missions to the curricula of the institutions, and the establishment of the Professorship of Missions in the Mission House was noted with satisfaction, and the Board was requested to render all possible help; (16) the observance of Home Mission Day in November, and a liberal offering for the work was commended; (17) the Missionary Education Department recognized as of increasing value and importance; the earnest study of our Hungarian work is especially urged for the coming year, and the hearty support of the Summer Missionary Conferences commended; (18) approbation was given to the Board for its conduct of the work of transferring 28 Hungarian congregations to our denomination, the work was commended to the support of our Churches, and services of the Theological Seminaries at Lancaster and Dayton in preparing young men from the Hungarian Churches for work among their people was gratefully appreciated; (19) the Board was commended for establishing a Superintendency on the Pacific Coast; (20) the Board was urged to con-

sider the advisability of inaugurating a plan in co-operation with other Boards, whereby ultimately the finances of all Boards may be managed by one treasurer, to reduce overhead expenses, simplify the work, and make possible the securing of larger credit.

### Observations of the Treasurer

J. S. WISE

**H**ICKORY, North Carolina, has earned a permanent place on the Reformed Church map. As soon as the delegates to General Synod arrived its praises were sung. Since their return, emphasis is given of their satisfaction in all of the reports that are published. Southern hospitality was at its best. Many preconceived notions of the Southland were speedily exploded. Much pleasure was afforded the initiated in catching words of astonishment, here and there, about the fine homes, the fine streets, the comforts, the up-to-dateness, the charming people and many other similar expressions. Everybody was happy from the beginning to the end. Hickory outdid itself. And it was done in such an unostentatious manner that there was no sign anywhere of unnaturalness or of obtrusiveness.

Before leaving Philadelphia I knew the name of my hosts. Knowing of the Shuford family, I gave myself no concern, for I knew that my personal comfort was assured. Three other laymen and I were assigned to their home. We had a "bully-good" time. There was no more charming hostess in Hickory than ours. Neither was there any finer host. And so, Brodbeek, Ringer, Habel and I practically owned "Shuford Lodge" for over a week. Even "Harrison," the undisputed "crackerjack" chauffeur of Hickory, burst forth when he left us at the Church on the closing morning of the Synod, "Ef ever any you gen'lemen comes to Hickory ag'in, be sure to come see us!"

My first impression of the spirit of the Synod was obtained when I arrived in Washington about two hours before the departure of the Southern Special. Union Station, Washington, is one of a number of places found all over the United States where the regular traveler will frequently

come face to face with an acquaintance or two, but rarely will he run into such a "bunch of good fellows" as I found in its commodious waiting room upon my arrival. Ministers and Elders and many of their wives were there in great numbers. Such greetings! Such hand-shaking! Delegates from the north, east and west were found in groups all over the place. Union Station, Washington, may therefore claim the distinction of having been the place for the *social opening* of General Synod.

It is not my purpose, in these observations, to report the "doings" of General Synod. All that will be supplied officially or unofficially by many others through the Church papers and other channels. I prefer rather to devote the rest of my space to a few other matters that attracted my attention.

On Sunday Superintendent Mullan and I visited two of our Missions—the Murphy Memorial in the morning, and the Brookford Mission in the evening. At Brookford we found quite a different audience from those of the larger Churches in Hickory. The Brookford Congregation is made up of mill workers exclusively. Here we found no fashionable audience, but just plain work-a-day folks, with many children, ready and eager to listen to the "Words of Life." No one need stay away here for lack of "proper" clothing. Style doesn't count. They all know each other. They work side by side in the mill. And so, when they go to Church, what's the use of "dressing up"? No need for shoes on children's feet.

When one visits such a congregation it does not require much of an argument to be thoroughly convinced of the manifest unfairness of a rigid per capita basis for our apportionments. Surely no one with the slightest sense of justice would advocate the same per capita rate for the apportionment of Home and Foreign Missions upon the Brookford Congregation as that upon Corinth Church, Hickory, and expect to have it paid. Hundreds of just such comparisons can be made in other sections of the Church and it is therefore very gratifying that General Synod has taken the first step toward a more equitable arrangement.



I gave the closest attention possible to all the business of the Synod. I sat through all of its meetings, except for three hours on Wednesday afternoon. My host was very anxious to have me see his farm. Three hours were set aside for this purpose. It was well worth while. I obtained first-hand information concerning a few social problems that I might have missed had this farm trip not been planned. Much has been written concerning child-labor and other unsatisfactory conditions of labor in the Southern cotton mills. I am not in position to either condemn or defend any such conditions. All I can do is describe what "I have both heard and seen." On our way to the farm we stopped at two of Mr. Shuford's mills. All the protective devices for the prevention of accidents were there. The mills were clean and sanitary. The employees looked healthy and happy. I saw no evidence of the atrocities of so-called child labor. Neither did I see anything that looked like exploited child labor in the B. V. D. Mills at Lexington. In fact, these mills looked as well kept, if not better, than many Northern mills that I have visited in other sections of our country. I was well pleased.

At the farm we found a well-equipped barn housing about fifty head of fine Jersey cows, well kept, clean and sanitary. The only stabling facilities, for cleanliness and cow-comfort, I ever saw to match it was at our St. Paul's Orphans' Home, near Greenville, Pa. Was my host proud of it? Well, I guess! He was enthusiastically and hilariously so! And what for?

In yonder village there is a group of about 100 neat, well-built houses. Each of these is occupied by one family, whose grown-ups work in the mill. The company has 450 such homes, conveniently near to its several mills. Here the workers live, rent free, with no charge for water or electric light. Beyond is a fine grove that is now being fitted up for the outdoor recreation of these same people. My host with just pride informed me that in the North when the employees leave the mill the owners' responsibility ceases. Not so in the South. The welfare of the

employees occupies a very important place in the operator's economy, even to the extent of running a first-class dairy farm in order that their people may receive daily, at a very moderate cost, copious supplies of good, wholesome milk, properly sterilized and with every precaution against its contamination. To make sure that there was no profiteering in milk, I asked its price. I found that his millhands were receiving it for just one-half the price I must pay my milkman, and my milk is delivered directly to me from a similar dairy farm without passing through any middleman's hands.

Of course, I never can quite understand why we who live in the suburbs of the city should have to pay a trifle more per quart for our milk from the dairy man direct than our friends in the heart of the city must pay after it has passed through the hands of several middlemen. It is a question that I have never been able to answer satisfactorily.

I considered this afternoon well spent. We can learn much from the South. It is not well to believe all we read about conditions so far away from home. Our newspapers are full of unbelievable "stuff." Better investigate, before passing judgment. Perhaps what we read is true in other localities, but I saw none of it around Hickory. This glimpse of the Southland to our Church fathers will undoubtedly cause a much more favorable regard for our Home Missionary interests in that section of the Church. The South is a fruitful field for the Reformed Church.

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## THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL SERVICE AND RURAL WORK

**James M. Mullan, Executive Secretary**

### Report of a Classical Committee on Social Service and Rural Work

THE following is an abbreviated form of the report of the Committee on Social Service and Rural Work of the East Pennsylvania Classis, consisting of Revs. C. A. Butz, Ph. D., William H. Brong and Elder Alpha Dieffenderfer. The recommendations are given in full. The report was adopted by the classis.

"Ours is an age of turbulence, of anxiety, and of fear, but withal an age fraught with tremendous potentialities. Old systems and standards are fast disintegrating under the mighty forces of a new order. It is an age of flux, of transition, the renaissance of a new day. Varied combinations, associations and groups project their ideals, unfurl their standards and make their appeal for recognition. The spirit of fraternalism is in the air. Those who claim the prophetic unction announce the day of better things to be close at hand. Apostles of advanced thought and prophets of the newer type proclaim the coming day with mathematical precision and accuracy. The whole proposition is merely to clear the equation and find the unknown number! But what feverish pursuit after the fleeting shadows and beckoning phantoms!

. . . . The new order, let us note, does not have its genesis, evolution and realization in the hectic sophistry, the capricious, flamboyant cynicism, nor the grandiloquent syllabus of over-wrought imaginations, but must have its source and find its power and success in Him who has ever guided the destiny of human life.

. . . . Our age needs the staying qualities of a mighty and sublime ideal. The mad rush, the feverish anxieties of our busy life exhaust the energy, sap the vitality and deplete the life force of our civilization and thus invite the invidious agencies of atrophism and anemia. We need to tarry therefore and rest awhile beside the calm and lucid stream and watch it glide complacently on and expand

beyond as it leads forth into the land of promise. God has ever brought deliverance to His people. The Church of the living God is still the chosen trustee in whom God confides the secret, to whom He entrusts the care, on whom He bestows the power and to whom He assures the victory in the conflict for world emancipation. . . . And surely Jesus Christ would not be a complete Saviour were His life and spirit not to touch, mould, lift and transform every relation and interest of the social order. Our age needs an abounding faith in God and humanity and a keen sense of duty and responsibility in order to restore the balance of power and bring order out of chaos.

"The fundamental fact of the Kingdom is that it is a great brotherhood that embraces all the varied complex human relations under the sway and care of a Common Father whose very essence and being are love, mercy and justice. With whatever mental attitude or reservation we may approach this ideal, there are certain outstanding requisites that are fixed and unalterable. There must be a common mind and co-operative action if success is to be achieved. This does not necessitate organic union of churches, but federated association and fellowship of the various groups in compact, healthy and sympathetic solidarity so that there may be a concrete demonstration of power to give expression to a great ideal. How can the Church really, consistently, make its appeal to the world for brotherhood and escape the charge of hypocrisy, insincerity and camouflage if it does not manifest this spirit within its own fold? The Church as a unified force alone is able to beat back the despotism and subdue 'the empires and the forces that control and govern this dark world—the spiritual host of evil arrayed against us in the heavenly warfare.' Surely the Church cannot impress the ideal of brotherhood

on the world if it does not magnify and develop this spirit within its own sphere.

"That the local Church is composed of various groups that represent different modes of thought, ideals and standards that are by no means friendly and congenial so as to foster the exalted dynamic of a brave faith, of sweet fellowship and mutual comradeship in friendly attitudes that conquer life, is a well-known fact. Our social structure is sadly deficient in the unifying qualities requisite for harmonious and healthy unfolding and progressive development. To understand and construct the mind of the Church and to relate through fellowship the mind of the Church to the minds of men in the varied groups challenge the leaders to a heroic service and endeavor.

"The prophet of the new order must be a close student of human affairs and understand existing conditions so as to escape the execration of partisanship and favoritism. Simply to sound the bugle of alarm and hold up the wrongs and invoke the anathema of contempt and scorn upon certain groups and acquit and vindicate others without due regard to facts can never correct the wrongs of the present disorder. The social message must be directed against the baneful effects of the social disorder irrespective of who the offender may be. Capital and labor must be governed by the same laws for co-operative action and service. . . . The deep rooted canker of injustice is a mighty octopus that dips its poisonous appendices deep into the social order that requires wisdom, courage, faith and love to dislodge. But here again the Church becomes conscious of its own impotency when it recognizes its own failure to exercise the principle and code of action in properly supporting and rewarding the labors and endeavors of its own when it would launch forth to champion the confused labor problem of the land since 'judgment begins at the house of God.' The ministry of reconciliation must be stressed and practiced. Social service in its most comprehensive aspect is the expression of man in his search for human brotherhood. Christian brotherhood knows neither bond nor free, neither Jew nor Gentile. Social standing is merely an

incident and withal is insecure. Man as a social unit will realize his ideal only as his life articulates in sympathetic relations with his fellows. . . . This implies that he becomes a citizen of the world since the very essence of his faith transcends all sectional and national lines and embraces every province of human society. Only such a program is adequate and finds its origin and authority in the will of God. Anything short of this program will defeat the very purpose of the Church.

"In view of the foregoing facts, your committee respectfully begs to submit the following recommendations for consideration and action:

"1. That because of the comprehensive scope of social service and its close affiliation with the conscience of the Christian Church and the need of a closer and more careful study and survey for the fullest possible results, that the social service committee be constituted a *permanent committee* of classis.

"2. That said committee shall serve as a sort of local clearing house for classis in this department of Christian service and activity, encouraging community and congregational surveys and the gathering of such data as shall assist the Church to realize its fullest ideals.

"3. That in every congregation a committee of social service be appointed which shall give special attention to the social responsibilities and obligations of, and outline a program for the Church in the local community, encouraging open forums, gathering information, making suggestion as to Christian course of action in times of social crises and relating the Church to social and civic agencies and to the things done for the betterment of the community.

"4. The training of leaders and teachers through institutes or summer schools when the various phases of the community are studied.

"5. That the pastors serving rural charges attend the summer schools for rural pastors and that the respective charges be urged to assist their pastor to attend these schools.

"6. That every congregation organizes study courses and in every possible way



seek to promote social service education through the Bible school and young people's societies, etc.

"7. That the work of the rural parish be stressed as a challenge of vast proportion to more young men and women to dedicate themselves to service as a field of home mission endeavors of tremendous possibilities and potentialities demanding the highest and noblest types of Christian character and the widest and fullest training for leadership and thus worthy of their life effort.

"8. That we register our deepest conviction that the challenge of the coming day demands a new rural ministry with the greater rural vision made possible through courses of study, devised and introduced to that end, taught by strong, qualified personalities, ever holding true to the ideals of the Gospel, as not being a physical asset but a spiritual dynamic for service.

"9. That we sound the note of approval and of encouragement to every worthy effort that tends to minimize denominational competition and reduce the over-churched condition and economic waste in our rural communities and apply every available, constructive means to uplift the rural church in its position in the Church at large.

"10. That it shall be the policy of classis to endeavor to foster and encourage the establishment of the rural church on a sound economic and numerical basis so that it may win the respect of its members and may be capable of undertaking the broader program of serving the whole community in all its aspects and thus give it the dignity which will attract and hold strong personalities, both in the ministry and in its laity.

"11. That the educational material available be examined by pastors and workers, and used if deemed of service, and that books covering the various phases of social service be placed on the shelves of the congregational library.

"12. That the pastors avail themselves of the Loan Library service.

"13. That classis plan, through the Social Service Committee, a study of the rural sections, looking to the formulation of an adequate rural policy and classical

program of work, by the aid of our Rural Church Field Worker.

"14. That classis apportion \$25.00 allowance to the committee for proper functioning and service.

"15. That in view of the fact that the Bible school occupies a strategic position of tremendous potentiality and possibilities as a moulding force and directing agency in the unfolding process, ministering as it does to all groups, ages, etc., through the varied departments, that the teachers be urged to weave into their teaching and stress 'Social Implications of the Lesson' as outlined in the HEIDELBERG TEACHER, or as may be compiled from other sources."

### A Message From the Tree-Top

THE tops of the tree—a star or two—  
Are all that I really see—  
As I look above—at the sky of blue  
A call seems to come for me—

To go where the trees and stars are all  
mine  
Not just the high waving top of one—  
Where I can look west—to the big sky  
line  
With its fringe of golden sun—

The longing is mine, for greater light  
For the sun at the end of the day—  
Yet my big old tree—if I see it right  
Will point to a nobler way—

It's just how we think—and the way we  
see  
That we're happier made each day—  
If your tree speaks as mine does to me  
You'll see in His service—the nobler  
way.  
Philadelphia. ELIZABETH W. FRY.

Dr. Burghalter spent the month of June visiting our churches in Canada, upon the invitation of Manitoba Classis. The first Sunday he addressed the members of our two Mission Churches in Winnipeg, a city with a population of 285,000. He says of the Missions: "Zion's is 27 years old, no debt, a good frame church and parsonage, about 100 members—four to five blocks from the business center. Rev. B. Sommerlatte is temporarily in charge. Salen is 16 years old, about two miles toward the North Side on a fine boulevard, brick building good parsonage, about 100 members. Rev. C. D. Maurer is pastor."



# Foreign Missions

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, EDITOR



## Veteran Missionary Honored

On March 19th, Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., of Sendai, who this year rounds out forty years of Christian service in Japan, was given a remarkable ovation by his Japanese co-workers. A large meeting was held in the biggest church in the city. The Governor of Miyagi Prefecture and the Mayor of Sendai attended in person and delivered felicitous congratulatory addresses. Similar addresses were made by representatives of many Christian organizations. A purse of 300 yen was presented to Dr. Moore by his Japanese friends. In the presentation speech it was stated that this money is to be used by Dr. Moore in a side trip to Palestine when he returns to America by way of Europe. The committee in charge of the celebration is also issuing a booklet containing descriptions of the life and missionary activities of Dr. Moore during his forty years of residence in this country. Copies of this publication will be distributed

among friends in Japan and the United States.

In the evening after the public meeting, a fine banquet was enjoyed at the Yayoi Restaurant by over fifty of Dr. Moore's most intimate friends. Professor Ito, of North Japan College, was the toastmaster, and in the many after-dinner speeches which he called for, the lighter and more humorous side of the life of the one who was being toasted was brought out.

These festivities surely give evidence to the tender esteem and deep appreciation in which hundreds of Japanese people hold Dr. Moore.

A. K. FAUST.

## The Rhenish Mission in South China

SO acute had become the situation among the missionaries of this German Mission in South China that the need for prompt aid was brought to the attention of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America during its annual sessions last January at Bethlehem, Pa. Representatives of the Boards held a special meeting at that time and it was agreed that an appeal for help should be issued to the Boards having work in China. So poverty-stricken are these missionaries, due to the inability of the Christians in Germany to provide their living expenses, that our Board voted to contribute \$5,000. The annual expenses of the Rhenish Mission amount to \$25,000. Our German brethren in the Northwest Synod had already been moved by the earnest appeals of Dr. Genachr, President of the Mission, to contribute towards the relief of our brethren in the Faith in China. Since the Board has pledged \$5,000 this year, and may be asked to continue this amount until such time as the Barmen brethren can provide the necessary funds, we suggest that all contributions solicited by Dr. Genachr and others should be sent to the treasury of the Board and be applied on account of our pledge.

### Interdenominational Work

AS with the individual and the nation, so with a Board of Foreign Missions. It can not properly function *alone*—it must relate itself to other bodies “whose aims and fears and hopes are one.” For that reason, the Board has been actively identified with interdenominational organizations, such as the Foreign Missions Conference of North America—the clearing-house for the Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States and Canada; the Missionary Education Movement—an agency for the intelligent cultivation of missionary interest in the Churches; the Commission on Relations with Religious Bodies in Europe; the World’s Sunday School Association and kindred organizations. To enjoy the benefits of such contact, it is only reasonable that the Board should help to maintain these very helpful agencies. In no other way can the Board of Foreign Missions qualify so well for a wise and economical conduct of the work on the Mission Fields.

One of the most recent and we believe far-reaching agencies is the Central Bureau for European Relief, the outgrowth of the Bethesda Conference, held at Copenhagen, from August 10-12, 1922. Rev. Adolph Keller, D. D., of the Reformed Church at Zurich, is the Secretary.

From an appeal issued to the heart and conscience of the whole Evangelical world, we learn, “Our fellow believers are suffering sore distress in many countries in Europe where Protestantism is struggling. Many of the Protestant institutions, necessary to the life of the Church, such as Home Missions, Missionary Work, or the Church Press, are ruined or going to cease for lack of funds. The adequate supply of theological students is also in danger. This widespread and heavy affliction concerns the whole Evangelical world. The hour is big with fate.” Our sympathy and co-operation as a denomination will in a very real way strengthen the faith and encourage the hope of a great part of the Evangelical world in these dark and difficult days.

### The Rising Tide of Nationalism

WE do well to place in the foreground the new world conditions which we as a Church must face and help in the solving. The Great War has given rise to a distinct passion for nationalism which is flooding the whole world. It has made nations more jealous of their rights and of their place in the family of nations. This national selfishness exists in Christian lands no less than in the non-Christian Nations. And who can tell how much our own nation may be responsible, by its attitude of aloofness, to the arousing of this new and insistent spirit of nationalism? As Christians we believe that “No man liveth unto himself,” and we should not hesitate to apply this same golden principle to the nation, “No nation liveth unto itself.” Strange to say, this spirit of nationalism is now aflame in nations, such as India and China, where differences of language would seem almost to prevent the fostering of a national consciousness. Is there not a great hope underlying this very startling agitation of a national solidarity in every land in the Far East? Should not the Christian Church regard this sudden awakening as a token of the Spirit’s presence among these striving people, and as a harbinger of a new day of opportunity for the missionaries of the Cross?

This striking spirit of nationalism has brought about a new condition in the work of Christian Missions. There was a time, and it is not so long ago, when the missionaries were in sole control of the entire work on the Foreign Field. They gave the orders, paid the bills and had the rule over the native workers. Now they are face to face with the delicate task of at least sharing the authority and responsibility with their co-workers. Happily this adjustment has been going on in our own Missions for a number of years, and today there is a most cordial relation existing between the native Church and the missionaries. In our Japan Mission, both in the educational and evangelistic department, there are joint Boards which co-operate in a pleasant and satisfactory manner. The

Church at home, as well as our representatives on the Foreign Field, must come to realize that the growth and perpetuity of the native Church depends in a very large measure upon the part that the leaders and representatives of our Church take in the control and direction of the work. If the native Church is to increase

its activity, the Mission must decrease its authority. The missionary of the hour who is wise, will see this impending change and hail with delight its healthy influence upon the work. He is not less useful by this self-effacement if thereby the great heart of the Christ may be laid bare in the sight of all the people.

## Corner-Stone Laying of the New Building of the Eastview Schools

By LI GAO SHUEN

OUR school has been opened in Shenchow, Hunan, for twenty years. In recent times the development of our school has so increased that the school building is quite too small for the students. In consequence of this, our principal planned with great energy to build a new school building for the students of Western

Hunan. The architects were employed from Hankow, the construction was commenced and the foundations were raised as high as is fit for the corner-stone.

The preparations for the Corner-stone Laying were started by our principal, who issued a proclamation stating that the corner-stone would be laid on February 10,



AT THE CORNER-STONE LAYING OF THE NEW BUILDING OF THE EASTVIEW SCHOOLS, SHENCHOWFU, CHINA

Rev. J. Frank Bucher, Principal, at Extreme Left, Mr. Yost Near Center, and Luh-sui Yen, Master of Ceremonies, at Extreme Right



1923, and that the teachers and students should prepare everything that was necessary. Mr. Beck taught us our music once a week, our military drill was disciplined by Mr. Yost every day, and our uniforms and caps were put in order. The decorations, which were made of various colored papers and of the branches of the pine tree, were hanging on the walls of the classrooms, on the platform of the new school building and on the gates of both the old and the new school grounds. The decorations were very beautiful when the sun shone upon them.

The day before the corner-stone was laid, a lantern procession was held. More than two hundred lanterns were bought for this procession, having different shapes, such as various kinds of birds, of beasts, of insects and fishes, and also the triangle, ellipse and square. The Lantern Procession was formed by a number of Christians from the local church together with the workmen, the students of the Evangelical Association Mission school and of our own school. At dusk they assembled in the school compound and formed a double rank headed by the Chinese, American and school flags, together with the Chinese characters of the school's name, which had been made out of bamboo. The paraders were walking slowly, the lights in the lanterns were glittering brightly, the students were singing sweetly and the spectators were crowding along the sides of the street smilingly. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

The Corner-stone Laying was appointed to be carried out the next day at ten

o'clock. In the morning all the guests, including officials, scholars, gentry, merchants, girl students and boy students all came to attend the ceremony. They presented gifts of firecrackers, parallel scroll and congratulatory parchments. Ten o'clock struck, and the guests and students fell into ranks and marched to the sound of military music towards the Peace Gardens, where the new building is located. Firecrackers were shot for a long time after the guests had gotten into their places.

The program was announced by Mr. Yen, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. After an opening prayer by Mr. Wan the students sang a Chinese song. Mr. Ho You Hwai then spoke of the history of our school and Mr. Peng Chang Min, who is an alumnus, acted as the representative of the graduates. After this the students sang another Chinese song. Our president, Mr. Bucher, then spoke of the meaning of the corner-stone laying.

After this address the students sang an English song. Mr. Hsiou Cheng Hao gave a speech of which the meaning was that the intercourse between China and America is not only an affair of government, but is also a link between the scholars and the people of the two countries. Mr. Shu Yen Ching then spoke, asking if it was not possible for the Chinese in Shenchow to develop the education as much as the Americans who are now building this new building. After this address speeches were made by the representative of General Tsai and by the prin-

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TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS OF THE EASTVIEW BOYS' SCHOOL, SHENCHOWFU, CHINA

## Character the True Foundation of a School

*Address made by Rev. J. Frank Bucher, Principal of the Eastview Schools, at the laying of the Corner-stone of the new School Building on February 10th, 1923.*

THE ceremony which we are about to perform is new in this part of China. Perhaps most of you have never heard of such a ceremony. Consequently you are doubtless curious to know just what is our meaning. This ceremony today is not just a mere celebration. We are indeed pleased to have all of you gather with us today to help celebrate this event, but there is more involved than that. Nor is it merely a day of rejoicing on our part. For some years we have been greatly in need of this building and have waited rather impatiently for the need to be filled. Therefore, as a matter of course, our hearts rejoice today and we ask you to rejoice with us. Nor do we lay this corner-stone to make the building stronger or more beautiful. We could use bricks here and the wall would stand just as firmly and have just as good an appearance. In none of these things is the meaning of this ceremony to be found.

The real meaning in the laying of this corner-stone is found in its symbolism. It symbolizes the fact that if this building is to stand the test of years of use and exposure to the weather it must have a strong foundation. We all know that if the foundation is poorly built it will be but a short time before the walls will become unsafe. Likewise it stands for the fact that the whole building must be well built. Such a building must have good materials, that is, good stone, good bricks, good wood, etc. Nothing but the best that can be procured dare be used. And the workmanship must be of the best. Carpenters, brick masons, stone masons, all must do neat work. These facts everyone of us take as a matter of course. That this large building must be carefully and firmly built goes without saying. It is for this reason that we have invited the architects, Nielsen and Malcolm, to carefully draw the plans and supervise its erection, and have also invited the firm of expert builders, Cheng Chong & Company, to build it.

But, after all, our school is not this building. We have had our school for

over ten years and this building is only in the first stages of its erection. This building may some day be destroyed, but the school will go on. No indeed, this building is not our school. Our school is made up of the teachers and students who are on its rolls.

This is clearly brought out by the fact that when we parents are seeking for a school to which to send our sons and daughters, we do not lay great stress upon the kind of buildings that the school has. Undoubtedly the first thing that we ask is, "What kind of teachers does the school have?" "Are the teachers men of character? What moral influence will they exert on our children? In the classroom, do they always express pure thoughts and ideas? Outside of the classroom, how do they spend their time? Do they spend it in drinking wine, smoking opium, gambling, etc.? Or do they set a good example in all things both within and without the school?" All these questions a careful father or mother must ask. Otherwise they do not fulfil their duty to their children.

There are also other questions that the parent must ask about the teachers in a school. "Do they manage the school well? Are they strict, yet just, in their discipline? Are they good teachers and do they use the best methods in imparting their knowledge?" All this takes it for granted that the teacher is a man of good learning. Otherwise there is no use in even considering the school. But what is the use in a teacher having the best of educational qualifications if he cannot impart his learning to his students? As a teacher, he would simply be a failure.

Just as important as the teachers are the students. In fact, we all know full well that a school is always known by the quality of the students who graduate from it. "What character have they developed as students in the school? What education have they acquired?" These two questions must be asked, and any school stands or falls as they are answered.

As we think over these two questions,

the fact is forced upon us that important as education is in itself, it must be built upon character. Character is the true foundation of education. Education must be there. It must be of the best. We all must demand this of the school to which we send our children. But education without character can only be deplored. In the first place such education may be merely useless. How often we see men who have graduated from good institutions, standing well in their class-work and receiving good degrees, who have never learned how to use these attainments for the good of their fellowmen. Such people are not merely useless, they set a bad example. We have the right to expect the greatest influence for good from them and we get nothing. Quite frequently they are pests, parasites, living at the expense of their diligent relatives and friends. Again, education without character may be worse than useless. It may be vicious. The very worst criminal is the educated criminal. In America we have examples of this in the brilliantly educated lawyers who use their learning only to find ways to evade the laws. We have examples of it in China in the brilliantly educated officials who use their learning only to acquire wealth and power by dishonest methods. "What difference does it make if the people suffer?" The country can go to destruction if only they can be powerful and rich. Such men are the very worst kind of traitors. It is thus in every walk of life. The educated criminal is the very worst criminal with which we must deal. Therefore it stands to reason that we do not wish to send our sons and daughters to any school which does not inculcate the very best character with its teaching.

Now the very highest type of character that is known is found in the life and teaching of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. And in teaching this character we are not merely teaching good examples, good precepts, and good ideas. Since Jesus is the living God, the only one and true God, we find in Him not merely the words of life, but also full power to live that life. And, therefore, in this school we hold up Jesus as the only perfect example of how men must live. This does

not mean that we compel our students to become Christians. We do not. Ask any of our teachers and students and they will tell you that this statement is true. But we do most certainly hold up Jesus as the only perfect man who ever lived, as the Son of God, and therefore as the one true living God. And as a symbol of this teaching I will place in the corner-stone this Bible, in which the record of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ are found.

What our school has done is shown by its history to date. Therefore I will also put in the stone this sketch of the history of our schools, including lists of the teachers and students of the Eastview Schools. Likewise this complete set of catalogs, in which most of the facts recorded in the history are to be found.

I will also put in the stone these papers and documents.....

As to the future, time must tell. We are not at all satisfied with the past. We hope to improve the teaching methods in the schools and make them perfect. We have plans for greatly enlarging the scope of our work. We are working on plans to change our curricula and courses of study, putting them in line with the best that have yet been evolved. In carrying out these ideas we invite your kindly interest and co-operation. I can assure you that we will always be glad to have you visit us and inspect the schools. Please come often.

(This address was made in the spoken Chinese language, Mandarin, but the gist of it is given above in the English language.)

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cipal of the Eighth District Middle School and by District Magistrate I En Kwan.

After the corner-stone was laid, the guests were divided into two parts: one entered the school building to enjoy a feast and the other was guided to the lantern show which was given for them. The feast lasted until five o'clock, when the guests all went home.—*Huping*.



## "WHO WILL GO FOR US?"

BY REV. JAMES CANTINE, D. D.

**I**T might be thought that a missionary experience of over thirty years would enable one to specify definitely what should be the qualifications of those sought by the Church to represent it in its new missionary enterprise in Mesopotamia. And yet these same years have seen men of such diverse characteristics, each used so fully for the upbuilding of His Kingdom in Arabia, that one hesitates to let human judgment be any considerable factor in seeking the answer to this call of God through the Reformed Church. However, it may be helpful to give, based upon my own experience and observation, some thoughts as to what will help make the volunteer, throughout all his life, to be happy and fruitful.

He who would hear the divine call as did Abraham, to leave country and kindred and father's house to go and be a blessing to the land of Abraham's nativity, must have the Abrahamic faith. (Heb. 11:8-10.) A faith that brings *obedience*; an obedience cheerful and hopeful, even though, as with Abraham, the inheritance be a long time delayed. A faith that sees in a strange country, strange to the comforts and advantages of this Christian land, a land of *promise*; not alone the definite promises of the Old Testament prophecy, but the promises of the Gospel, that sustain through the cruel bitterness of the winter's barrenness, and the exhausting labors of the springtime sowing, until in God's own time, the harvest promised by our Lord is reached. A faith that is not abashed nor disheartened at the sight of the ruined foundations of great Babylon and greater Nineveh, nor will be sterilized by too close alliance with the material developments awaiting Baghdad and the Land Between the Two Rivers, but will live for and die expecting a *spiritual* building, whose Builder and Maker is God.

Mesopotamia will still be a pioneer field calling for ability to endure some physical discomfort, much isolation from Christian fellowship, and a good measure of self-denial in cheerfully accepting limi-

tation of the usual stimuli to material and scholarly advancement.

Mesopotamia during the war was called by the English soldier "Mespot," a word which suggests the crude mingling of many peoples and conditions. And the missionary who works there should not be so appreciative a Caucasian, that he cannot easily mingle with those of another color; nor so devoted a denominationalist that he cannot walk in step with those of another inheritance; nor so good a Nationalist that he cannot subordinate his loyalty to the higher allegiance due to the commonwealth of mankind. Especially should he be no man who finds himself unable to co-operate with the ruling power in all its efforts to help forward its subject peoples, nor one unable to recognize what of understanding and sympathy is his due to yield, in return for the tolerance which makes his residence possible.

One who would speak to the Arab face to face, must cultivate those virtues which have made him and his religion such a power in the world's history—endless patience, not alone with one's neighbors, but with God's working; a genuine resignation to the will of God, that will heal many a hurt and ache; a steadfast belief in the ultimate and complete triumph of God's purpose, that will bridge over much perplexing discouragement.

And then there is something, which if possessed, will prove the flux that will bind together into a living, powerful personality all other qualifications—an *abounding enthusiasm* for this, one's life-work. This can be acquired. To those who will acquaint themselves with the history of this martyrdom; its legacy of divine promise; its present day religious importance; its awakening and entrance upon a new era among the peoples of the world—Mesopotamia will still be a word to stir the pulse and kindle the zeal of those who work and pray that the kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdoms of our Lord.

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One hundred and sixteen girls applied for the 49 vacancies in the student body of Miyagi Girls' School the past spring.



## STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF THE WORK OF FOREIGN MISSIONS BY THE GENERAL SYNOD AT HICKORY, N. C., IN MAY, 1923

IT should be most heartening to the missionaries and members of the Board of Foreign Missions to read the very appreciative report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, of which Rev. Lee M. Erdman, of Reading, Pa., was the chairman.

Sufficient extracts are made from the Fifteenth Triennial Report to give the Synodical report a fine setting, and to "reveal the wealth of information concerning the personnel of our missionary staff, the number and situation of our missionary stations, and the varied types of work engaged in, together with the complete statistical tables and accurate financial statements of all receipts and expenditures."

The Christian missionary is receiving the highest place in the affection and confidence of the native. There is a rising tide of nationalism in Japan and China. The principle of self-determination is manifesting itself. In this, there is no cause for regret. We do not wish to maintain control perpetually in our foreign fields. Greater freedom and greater responsibilities must be assumed by the native Christians. In this way the Gospel receives a new interpretation.

The total number of our missionaries is 100. Of this number 52 are in Japan and 48 in China. Thirty-five are in evangelistic work, 53 in educational work, 9 in medical service, and 3 in administrative work. The total value of our foreign missionary properties is \$1,468,183.29. There has been a notable increase in the receipts of the Board during the past triennium, which registers the increase of interest of our people in this great work. The amounts received are as follows: Apportionment, \$592,156.17; Forward Movement, \$364,041.50; Woman's Missionary Society, \$124,305.90; Bequests, \$29,180.79; Annuities, \$16,883.34.

We are glad to note the careful economy practiced in the administration of the funds of the Board. While the business of the Board has been steadily increasing for years, so that the income for the past triennium has been \$1,322,052.93, yet the

secretarial force remains the same. The total home expenses amount to about 11 per cent of the total amount administered. The purely administrative items do not exceed \$20,000.00, which makes the amount less than 5 per cent.

We wish to record our grateful appreciation for the invaluable aid and increasing contributions which have been received from the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, and for the many special gifts made by generous donors.

As we survey the manifold needs of our foreign field we realize that we have only touched the surface. Our missionaries are pleading for added equipment and helpers. The fruitage of seed sown in the past cannot be garnered. Many of our schools cannot accept one-half of the applicants for admission.

We rejoice to note that last March our beloved Dr. Bartholomew celebrated the 20th anniversary as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions and the 35th as a member of the same. We cannot adequately express our debt of gratitude for practically a lifetime of devoted untiring service in this department of the work of the Kingdom.

We note with joy as we survey the Japanese field that the restoration of the Middle School Building and Dormitory has been accomplished through the heroic efforts of Dr. and Mrs. Schneder, assisted by generous Japanese and American associates. We are pleased with the high standard of scholarship which marks our colleges and schools in Japan, but particularly are we gratified to learn that the percentage of baptisms, 37 for the whole institution, is the highest percentage now held by any of the Christian schools for young men in Japan. Dr. Faust reports that 95 per cent of the graduates of the Miyagi Girls' School, now numbering 518, are Christian.

We are sure that the visit of Dr. George W. Richards, President of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, will be a happy and helpful event which will enable him to interpret Western thought to the East,

and in turn acquaint us with the deeper aspirations of the Orient.

Articles of incorporation have been granted to the Huping Christian College, Dr. William E. Hoy, D.D., President, according to the laws of the District of Columbia. The Twentieth Anniversary of the founding of the college was celebrated with a program of special events, beginning October 9, 1922.

We rejoice to know that the work in the Moslem world contemplated for many years is about to be launched in Mesopotamia in co-operation with the Boards of Foreign Missions of the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches. Here is a challenge for a missionary couple which we trust will soon be answered.

The angel of death has been busy in the ranks of our workers abroad. On June 13, 1920, shortly after the last meeting of the General Synod, our heroic and beloved missionary, Rev. William A. Reimert, met a tragic death by a fatal shot fired by a bandit soldier. We also note with regret the passing from the field of earthly labors of the following of our missionaries in the foreign field: Esther Shuey Snyder, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Dennis B. Shuey and wife of the Rev. George Randolph Snyder; Ethel Guinther, wife of our missionary, the Rev. Ezra H. Guinther; Anna De Forest Moore, wife of our veteran missionary, Dr. Jairus P. Moore. "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

In conclusion we recommend for favorable action the following items, and for their transmission to the Classes:—

1. That the second Sunday in February be set apart as Foreign Mission Day, with the request that all our congregations and Sunday Schools observe it and lay liberal offerings on the Altar for the sacred cause.

2. That members of larger means be encouraged to help in providing for the many chapels for our infant churches, the additional school buildings and residences for missionaries in our Japan and China Missions.

3. That congregations be urged to accept their full share of the Apportionment, and in addition to assume the support of foreign missionaries, native evangelists, women evangelists and teachers.

4. That stress be laid on the vital importance of educating all our members, both old

and young, in the world wide work of Missions and especially the need of fervent prayers and liberal giving.

5. That individuals and congregations be instructed, as far as possible, not to designate special gifts, without an understanding with the Board, so that the Board may be free to apply them where the needs are the most pressing.

6. That emphasis be laid anew on the need for members to provide for the work of Foreign Missions, by making gifts through Annuity Bonds, or by bequests in their wills.

7. That the treasurers of congregations be asked to transmit promptly all moneys for Foreign Missions through the regular channels, thus saving interest on heavy borrowings.

8. That a record of appreciation and gratitude be made to the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod for the financial aid and cordial co-operation in the conduct of the work.

9. That members be urged to subscribe for the OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS, attend the Summer Missionary Conferences, help the Missionary and Stewardship Committee of the Classes and encourage the work of the Forward Movement Commission.

10. That pastors and consistories be urged to assist the Department of Missionary Education during the coming year in making the study of Japan of real and permanent benefit to all our members in the congregations, Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies and special groups.

11. That the claims of our needy brethren in Europe be more definitely brought to the attention of our members so that they in their poverty may be made to share of our abundance.

12. That the missionaries who toil among the restless people of these days of trial be given assurance that they have a place in the prayers of the Church, both in public worship and in private devotion, and that frequent petitions be made at the throne of grace for the millions who need the Gospel but who have never heard its joyful sound.

### "Fling Out Your Banner"

We are justly proud of our country's flag. Let us also hold high our Missionary banners.

Mission Band pennants of felt in Reformed Church colors may be purchased from the depositories for one dollar each.

Girls' Missionary Guild pennants in blue and yellow felt may also be purchased from the depositories for seventy-five cents each.

## Some Active Laymen in Japan

### 1.—MR. ICHIRO OBA

Mr. Ichiro Oba joined the Yamagata Church by baptism when the writer was pastor there twenty-three years ago. At that time he served the Post Office in the city, and he was a member of my Bible-class. Being baptized against his father's will, he suffered persecution, and his townspeople hated and despised him. Thus he was on trial for many years. But his faith and steadfastness triumphed over his enemies at last.

After a few years his brothers and sisters became believers, and several of the townspeople were baptized. He serves now in a bank at Yamanobe, his native town, four miles from Yamagata. His home is open to the townspeople for worship as well as for Sunday School. Some thirty people come to each service, and seventy children attend the Sunday School. He is respected and loved by everybody. Thus he is doing much good for the evangelistic work and the welfare of his people. Indeed, he may be called honorary pastor of the small congregation. He is also a pious superintendent, a skillful teacher, and a faithful janitor too.

His Sunday School is much bigger than that of the Yamagata Church, which he serves as one of the Committee. Mr. Watanabe, Pastor of Yamagata Church, is helping Mr. Oba, going there once a month.

The writer was privileged to visit Yamanobe the other day to see Mr. Oba's work. We earnestly pray and strive to raise up such active and efficient laymen as Mr. Oba everywhere.

### 2.—MR. MORINOSUKE HAGA

Nagaoka, a small village five miles north of Fukushima, is noted for its two big Shinto shrines and its silkworm eggs. Mr. J. Haga and Mr. T. Tanaka, two principal villagers, were led to the Lord through the influence of Mr. Oshikawa and the late Rev. Fujiu some forty years ago. In those days there were scarcely any Christians in all Fukushima Ken. Both Haga and Tanaka were influential among the villagers, and many men and women were led to Christ by them. The writer, who is of the Shinto priest's family, is one of the converts influenced by them.

Now the younger Mr. Haga, Morinosuke by name, has succeeded to his father's estate, and carries on the business in silkworm eggs. He has been a faithful witness to the Christian cause these thirty years. He is a graduate of Waseda University, a thoughtful gentleman, and the strong pillar today of the Nagaoka Church.

KUMAJI TSUCHIDA.

## BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### Comparative Receipts for Month of April

1922				1923				Increase	Decrease
Synods	Appt.	Specials	Totals	Appt.	Specials	Totals			
Eastern .....	\$14,247.83	\$2,157.38	\$16,405.21	\$15,340.92	\$2,523.26	\$17,864.18	\$1,458.97	.....	.....
Ohio .....	3,699.22	535.10	4,234.32	3,208.40	750.86	3,959.26	.....	.....	\$275.06
Northwest .....	260.82	202.08	462.90	362.35	68.27	430.62	.....	.....	32.28
Pittsburgh .....	1,500.00	536.47	2,036.47	2,850.00	283.07	3,133.07	1,006.60	.....	.....
Potomac .....	6,946.77	674.98	7,621.75	9,751.08	485.73	10,236.81	2,615.06	.....	.....
German of East. ....	304.55	165.50	470.05	311.42	145.50	456.92	.....	.....	13.13
Central .....	739.50	794.42	1,533.92	1,128.53	712.00	1,840.53	306.61	.....	.....
Midwest .....	1,004.17	123.75	1,127.92	2,041.38	294.43	2,335.81	1,207.89	.....	.....
Bequests .....	.....	11,002.41	11,002.41	.....	279.00	279.00	.....	.....	10,723.41
Annuity Bonds .....	.....	200.00	200.00	.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,800.00	.....	.....
W. M. S. G. S. ....	.....	2,827.25	2,827.25	.....	8,155.41	8,155.41	5,328.16	.....	.....
Miscellaneous .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53.16	53.16	53.16	.....	.....
Total .....	\$28,702.86	\$19,219.34	\$47,922.20	\$34,094.08	\$15,750.69	\$50,744.77	\$13,806.45	\$11,043.88	.....
				Net Increase.....				\$2,822.57	

## BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

### Comparative Receipts for the Month of May

1922				1923				Increase	Decrease
Synods	Appt.	Specials	Total	Appt.	Specials	Total			
Eastern .....	\$23,887.81	\$1,012.17	\$24,899.98	\$21,410.34	\$1,809.12	\$23,219.46	.....	.....	\$1,680.52
Ohio .....	4,210.57	279.29	4,489.86	6,945.20	1,001.54	8,546.74	\$4,056.88	.....	.....
Northwest .....	163.28	15.00	178.28	108.38	17.00	125.38	.....	.....	52.90
Pittsburgh .....	5,528.30	143.17	5,671.47	4,245.70	196.81	4,442.51	.....	.....	1,228.96
Potomac .....	8,670.83	2,083.51	10,754.34	6,287.76	308.43	6,596.19	.....	.....	4,158.15
German of East. ....	895.40	26.10	921.50	442.00	20.00	462.00	.....	.....	459.50
Central .....	1,872.07	41.20	1,913.27	2,001.23	205.00	2,206.23	292.96	.....	.....
Midwest .....	1,358.45	144.80	1,503.25	1,613.26	36.00	1,649.26	146.01	.....	.....
Annuity Bonds .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,835.00	1,835.00	1,835.00	.....	.....
Bequests .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450.00	450.00	450.00	.....	.....
W. M. S. G. S. ....	.....	7,615.28	7,615.28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,615.28
Miscellaneous .....	.....	31.00	31.00	.....	195.00	195.00	164.00	.....	.....
Totals .....	\$46,586.71	\$11,391.52	\$57,978.23	\$43,053.87	\$6,073.90	\$49,727.77	\$6,944.85	\$15,195.31	.....
				Net Decrease...				\$8,250.46	



# Woman's Missionary Society

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## EDITORIAL

### The Thirteenth Triennial Convention

LIKE a magnet the Thirteenth Triennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod drew together aims and efforts which are spread like a network over the missionary responsibilities committed to women in our denomination.

Reports! We accept the term as an equivalent for that which represents days and months of planning, speaking and writing. Since the hearing of reports occupies much time we shall give the digest of those which form the working plan of the organization, knowing that many readers will not have the minutes and proceedings of the meeting. But there is the Convention Spirit—that which does not adapt itself to the mold of words and figures—we admit our inability to translate it into our vehicle of speech—and it was that which made the Thirteenth Triennial Convention a great occasion.

Letters have said: "We can scarcely wait for the accounts of the Convention." "Write it up fully that we may hear everything." When we look at the program we imagine each day is saying: "Omit nothing of mine." Notwithstanding our desire to "pass on" the things we heard, there remains the necessity to choose some and omit others.

#### The Convention's First Night

A capacity audience gathered in the handsome auditorium of Central Church, Dayton, on Monday night, May 14th, for the opening session of the Convention. The large attendance from the Dayton Churches and adjacent Churches in Miami Classis, with delegates from the East, West, North and South, started the convention with an enthusiasm maintained throughout the sessions.

Mrs. W. R. Harris, First Vice-Presi-

dent, presided. Mrs. L. W. Stolte, Second Vice-President, led the devotional service, using the theme, "The Vision of God." The motto of the Convention was "YE HAVE NEED OF VISION."

I. E. Deer, Secretary of the Dayton Council of Churches, brought a message from the Churches. The President, Mrs. B. B. Krammes, delivered an address filled with notes of enthusiasm and encouragement. An informal reception closed the evening service.

#### Convention Song "THE VISION"

Tune: Fleming. No. 76

God of all nations, grant us broader vision;

Open our eyes that we may know our mission;

Strengthen our cords and lengthen out our cables—

Give us the vision, Lord!

Give us a vision of all tribes and nations  
Saved and redeemed, bringing glad oblations;

All who are weary, all the heavy-laden  
Finding their rest in Thee.

God of all nations, may our Christian women

Labor, pray, send Christ's gospel of salvation

To poor afflicted women long neglected.  
Give us the vision, Lord!

God of all nations, give us hearts responsive

With lofty courage to accept the challenge

To higher service, as Thy faithful stewards—

Give us the vision, Lord!

Mrs. C. C. Bost, Hickory, N. C.

## A RECOGNITION SERVICE

By GERTRUDE H. APPLE

Tuesday, May 15, 1923, will long be remembered by the women of our Reformed Church assembled at Dayton, Ohio, for the Thirteenth Triennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod.

It was Founder's Day, and many were present to pay tribute to Mrs. Alvira B. Yockey, who forty-six years ago founded the first Woman's Missionary Society of our Reformed Church at Xenia, where her husband was then pastor.

At the Recognition Service, presided over so graciously by our former President, Mrs. W. R. Harris, Mrs. Yockey occupied a prominent place on the platform, together with the several remaining officers and members of that first society.

Greetings were brought by representatives of our various boards, missionaries on furlough, representatives from the Mission Boards of the United Brethren and Christian Churches, and our colleges, Ursinus, Hood and Cedar Crest. Dean Park, of Heidelberg University, who brought the greetings of Mrs. Yockey's Alma Mater, said:

"A mother loves her children and is proud of them. Alma Mater is no exception to this rule.

"Mrs. Yockey belonged to the Class of 1868, which had also as members our beloved Professor Horning and Professor Herbruck, of Central Seminary. In those days classes were small, and this is therefore a large percentage to have attained so much distinction.

"Heidelberg is happy to extend to you her greetings, Mrs. Yockey. 'Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.' It is our hope that all the graduates of our beloved college may have the same high ideals of service."

Mrs. Almeda Gowdy, of Xenia, brought greetings of that society where Mrs. Yockey rendered a long and loving service, and Mrs. H. H. Eavey, of the same society, gave an interesting review of its history, its struggle and final victory, and the splendid work now being done.

Mrs. Yockey closed the meeting with a

most touching reference to the influence of her sainted mother, who created in her early life a deep interest in missions, and, continuing, she thanked all for the high honors bestowed upon her.

Mrs. M. L. Wolf, of Xenia, was the charming and efficient toast-mistress at the Founder's Fellowship Banquet in the evening. The talks were arranged to form a general resume of "The Day of Woman's Work," and were given not only by women closely associated with Mrs. Yockey in the organization and promotion of missionary work, but those who are doing much in our present-day activities.

"The Dawn," or the organization of the society, was the toast responded to by Mrs. P. H. Flynn, Xenia, Ohio. "The Sunrise," or its first accomplishments, Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Dayton. "At Our Work," the field of our missionary activity, Mrs. R. Ella Hahn, Reading, Pa. "High Noon," or the work to be done, Mrs. F. W. Leich, Dayton, and "The Length of the Day," an appreciation of Mrs. Yockey and her work, Miss Helen Nott, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

It was a happy, helpful occasion, the meeting of this day, and we realized as never before the words of Isabella Thoburn, "We are not in the world to be ministered unto, but to minister. The world is full of need, and every opportunity to help is a duty."

We cannot close without quoting the following poem by Mrs. P. H. Flynn, who, with the writer of this article, was for many years closely associated with Mrs. Yockey in the Reformed Church of Xenia, Ohio:

### AN APPRECIATION

The Lord of the vineyard passed through one day,  
His stewards he questioned: "Now tell me,  
pray,  
How find I here this goodly vine;  
This yield of grapes, of honey, and wine?"

"Where once the soil was hard and bare  
This harvest abounds, through someone's care;  
This fruit, this vintage, is pleasing to me;  
This faithful steward I fain would see.

"Who is this one? Doth any here know?  
A special honor I would bestow."  
A servant made answer: "Dear Lord, approve,  
This is a woman's labor of love.

"Without great strength nor special skill  
She planted this vine and tended it, till  
It flourished and bore in this empty place,  
Giving out beauty, riches and grace.

"From small beginnings, an hundred-fold  
Shall accrue to thee, when all is told,  
—And thy serving woman now awaits  
Some word of our Master, at the gates."

No longer was day at the morn. The sun  
His flaming course had well nigh run.  
Noontide was fading to eventide;  
But the western sky was canopied

With golden streamers and rosy hues  
That penetrated the deeper blues.  
The Lord of the vineyard softly spake:  
"This laurel branch to my servant take.

" 'She hath done what she could,' and I com-  
mand  
A share in my kingdom to such, I send,  
And that calmness of spirit, which only is won  
By him who has nobly overcome.

"Though service direct sometimes denied,  
Life's labor may still be glorified.  
Bear these gifts and these words to the outer  
gate:  
'They also serve who only stand and wait.'"  
Hood College, Frederick, Md.

## Mothers of Missionaries

An effective bit of ceremonial took place on Recognition Night when Mrs. H. B. Diefenbach, chairman of the Courtesy Committee, presented flowers to the attending mothers of missionaries: Mrs. G. Otte, mother of Miss Helen Otte, Japan; Mrs. J. P. Stahl, mother of Misses Ruth L., Minta M. and Tirzah M. Stahl, missionaries under the Methodist Board in China; Mrs. R. W. Herbster, mother of Mrs. T. E. Winter, China; Mrs. D. B. Shuey, whose daughter, Mrs. Snyder, is buried in China; Mrs. C. V. Smith, mother of Arthur Smith, a teacher in North Japan College; Mrs. Kuenzel, mother of Ruth Kuenzel, a kindergarten teacher in Japan, and Mrs. A. S. Dechant, mother of Miss Alliene S. Dechant, of Japan.

"Jesus Son of human mother,  
Bless our motherhood, we pray;  
Give us grace to lead our children,  
Draw them to Thee day by day;  
May our sons and daughters be  
Dedicated, Lord, to Thee."



THESE MOTHERS OF MISSIONARIES ATTENDED THE TRIENNIAL CONVENTION AT DAYTON

From Left to Right They are: Mrs. J. P. Stahl, Mrs. A. S. DeChant, Mrs. D. B. Shuey, Mrs. E. C. Kuenzel, Mrs. C. V. Smith, Mrs. R. W. Herbster



### Our Girls at Dayton

“IN the final analysis, what did you consider the most inspiring, the most vitalizing influence at the Triennial Convention?” One word will answer the question, “Youth.”

The writer's knowledge of Triennial Conventions is limited to this thirteenth one, but it is pretty safe to say that youth played a more important role at this meeting than ever before in the history of the W. M. S. G. S. From the moment the delegates began to arrive, until the last goodbye had been waved, none could be other than impressed with the spirit of co-operation and helpfulness, the ardor and initiative of every girl at the convention. The charm and kindly courtesy of those modern and winsome American girls, as they met us at the station with their automobiles and drove us to our places of entertainment, handled our baggage, answered questions, acted as guides, served wherever needed, will not soon be forgotten. To the girls of the Reformed churches of Dayton and to every other girl who gave so graciously and so generously of her time and abilities, the W. M. S. G. S. is deeply indebted.

In the space allotted this article, it is difficult to even touch on the many interesting points on the convention program for which the girls were responsible, much

less possible to name and dwell on the individual girls; but it is hoped that what is written will make clear that the W. M. S. G. S. is awake to the golden possibilities of youth, is in sympathy with its shining hopes and radiant visions, is deeply appreciative of all that youth is doing in the work of Missions.

As a beginning, in the effort to give to the readers of *THE OUTLOOK* a summary of the girls' contribution to the convention, there was the address on Tuesday evening by Miss Adelaide Gundlach, registrar of Ginling College, China. As this earnest young leader in the army of Christ painted a graphic picture of the need of giving Christ to those who walk in darkness, we rejoiced that our Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod was to assume the support of Miss Gundlach. Following the address, there was a presentation of the new Thank Offering pageant. The writer of this article desires to pay tribute to those who in any way contributed to the living, glowing presentation of the pageant. The earnestness of the girls in their parts was proof positive that they have caught a vision of sharing their blessings with others.

In all that was done on Wednesday afternoon and evening to honor Mrs. Yockey, the founder of the W. M. S. G. S., nothing appealed more than the beautiful





words of greeting from the Y. W. M. A., written by Miss Clara Stahl, a testimonial indeed to the beautiful character of Mrs. Yockey, and an expression of the determination to walk worthily of such a leader. At the banquet, Miss Helen Nott in her response to the toast, "The Length of the Day," must have made the heart of Mrs. Yockey glad indeed, in that there are such girls to carry on what she had the vision to set in motion.

But it was on Thursday afternoon and evening that youth truly came into its own. It began with Miss Iske's announcing, as the winner of the Membership Campaign Reward, the Y. W. M. A. of Milwaukee. The remainder of the afternoon was given over to a demonstration of the Y. W. M. A. as the connecting link between the Mission Band and the W. M. S. A regular Mission Band program and a regular Y. W. M. A. program were carried out in detail by societies from two of the Dayton churches, and, as the children and the young women carried out the business part, then the devotional and study sections of their respective programs, not a woman present but of necessity must have realized the significance to the W. M. S. of these two departments, as regards the training of future leaders. The singing of Negro Spirituals by a young colored girl, who had been invited to sing by the girls who had charge of the program, was a practical application of the chapter from "The Vanguard of a Race," which the girls had presented in their program. At the banquet that evening, everyone felt the rebound of youth's vitality, as Our Girls, grouped around tables gay with flowers and the colors of the Y. W. M. A., sang their songs, gave their cheers, and in their toasts, gave utterance to the enthusiastic ideals of fine Christian girlhood.

It is only fair to make mention of the girls of other denominations who contributed of their talents to the convention. This includes Miss Ruth Seabury, Field Secretary of the Congregational Church, whose address on Thursday evening was most pleasing; also the many young girls in the personnel of the Westminster choir which gave to the delegates an evening of unadulterated joy.

As the climax to what youth gave to the convention, were our girl missionaries, who in the brief time given them gave us a glimpse of their fields of labor. There was no hint of sacrifice or renunciation, only praise and gratitude that to them had been given the opportunity to save souls.

Finally, may the convention mean to every girl who was present, greater zeal, deeper consecration in the cause of uplifting the womanhood and the childhood of all the world.

M. M. L.

### The Concert on Wednesday Evening

Pleasant memories of the Dayton meetings will linger for many days in the minds of those privileged to be in attendance. But outliving all others will be the one of the beautiful interlude of Wednesday evening's concert by the Westminster Presbyterian Choir, under the direction of Professor John Finley Williamson, of Dayton.

Coming, as it did, in the midst of busy days of work and thought, it is indelibly impressed upon our memories. From the first "Hosanna" to the last "Amen" closest attention was given by every one. Which number on the program was most beautiful and impressive? Opinions varied. "Hosanna to the Son of David," by Gibbons; "The Shepherds' Song," by Dickinson; "Praise to God," by Christiansen, all seemed to be favorites. The one most generally enjoyed, however, was "Beautiful Saviour" (The Crusader's Hymn), arranged by Christiansen.

Almost all of the selections were arranged for eight voices, thus making the harmony very close; there was never a false note nor a deviation from the true pitch. When one considers that no instrument was used for accompaniment, no pitch was given for the voices—the work of the choir was little less than marvelous.

The sight of the forty-eight white-surpliced singers, standing waiting for their leader's movement, will not soon be forgotten. In the home, as we spoke of the music by the choir, attention was called to two facts, first, that not a singer moved his eyes from the leader. They waited only for his direction and kept their eyes

constantly upon him lest they might miss his leading. And then, each face wore a smile. Does this not bring a lesson to us? If our eyes are fixed upon the Master, waiting for His bidding, and then if we obey with a smile, we, too, may produce beautiful harmony.

JOSEPHINE C. DIEFENBACH.

## Digest of Committee Reports

### NOMINATING

The report of the Nominating Committee was received and the following officers were elected by ballot: President, Mrs. B. B. Krammes; First Vice President, Mrs. W. R. Harris; Second Vice President, Mrs. L. W. Stolte; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Joseph Levy; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Leich; Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Anna L. Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. Anewalt. It will be noted that there are two important changes—the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries.

It was with much reluctance that the Nominating Committee acceded to the request of Miss Bareis when she asked them to refrain from nominating her for Recording Secretary, the position she had filled for twelve years. Mrs. Hershey, the Corresponding Secretary for the past triennium, was not able to attend the convention because of sickness in her home. Both positions of Recording and Corresponding Secretary carry with them large responsibilities and the excellence of service in both offices merited the appreciation expressed by the Convention.

### CREDENTIALS

The following interesting figures are taken from the report of the Credential Committee: Of the Executive Board 17 members were present, ex-Presidents, 2; Synodical Presidents, 8; Classical Presidents, 33; Trustees, 10; Girls' Missionary Guild, 12; Life Members, 59; Missionaries, 5.

Pittsburgh Synod, with 5 Classical, had 11 delegates; Potomac, with 6 Classical, 16; Ohio, with 5 Classical, 17; Eastern, with 10 Classical represented, had 26; Central, with 5 Classical, 14; Mid-West, with 5 Classical, 15; German Synod of the East, 1 Classical represented, 4 delegates.

The following states had representation: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, New York, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Virginia, Michigan, West Virginia, Iowa, Missouri, North Carolina, Illinois, California, Washington, D. C.

### RESOLUTIONS

The following records are taken from the report of the Committee on Resolutions:

The missionaries who died during the triennium were Rev. W. A. Reimert, Mrs. Esther Shuey Snyder, Mrs. Ezra Guinther and Mrs. J. P. Moore.

The missionaries present at the Thirteenth

Triennial Convention were Miss Minerva S. Weil, evangelist at Shenchow, China; Miss Alice E. Traub, nurse, Yochow, China; Miss Adelaide Gundlach, Registrar Woman's Union Christian College, Nanking, China; Mrs. Elmer H. Zaugg, Sendai, Japan; Rev. Alfred Ankeney, Japan; Miss Ina Jackson, Christian Social Worker, Chicago; Rev. Immanuel Gitel, superintendent Jewish Work in Philadelphia; Rev. J. Mori, senior missionary to the Japanese on the Pacific Coast.

The resolutions also express the gratitude of the members of the convention to the pastor, Dr. J. M. S. Isenberg and his wife, to the Woman's Missionary Society and the Ward Hartman Circle, the committees from the Dayton Churches and other Churches in Miami Classis for their courteous attentions.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

From among the many wide reaching recommendations adopted were the following:

To perpetuate the memory of the founder of the first Woman's Missionary Society in the Denomination. \$6,000 of the Thank Offering to be set aside, before subdivided, to be known as the Alvira B. Yoekey Scholarship Endowment Fund.

In the future Thank Offering boxes shall be ordered from the two depositories instead of from Mrs. A. K. Zartman, the General Secretary.

A Form of Bequest shall be prepared and the same printed each month in the Woman's Missionary Department of THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS.

## NOTES

The one disappointment associated with the Thirteenth Triennial Convention was the absence of Mrs. H. J. Christman, chairman of the General Committee of Arrangements. For a full year she had worked upon the arrangements for making the occasion perfect in every detail. With her were associated women with the same desire and together they succeeded in anticipating everything necessary for the comfort, convenience and pleasure of the visitors. When everything was approaching the finish she was summoned to the bed side of a sick mother where she remained during the entire time of meeting. Our regret and her disappointment are easily understood.

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The Woman's Missionary Society of Lincolnton, N. C., have one hundred per cent of their members subscribers to THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS. This is the second society to report having attained this honor. We have the name of the third society and the photograph. These are held until next month because of lack of space.

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When the Woman's Missionary Society assumed the financial support of Miss Adelaide Gundlach, Registrar of the Woman's Union Christian College at Nanking, West New York Classis did a beautiful thing. They asked to

take that as their special work over and above their budget. Miss Gundlach is a daughter of that Classis and their attitude is very commendable.

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Mrs. C. A. Krout, chairman of the Printing Committee, made a few interesting comparisons upon our printing and literature. The sales for the triennium 1911-1914 were \$254. The sales for the triennium 1914-1917 were \$1248. The sales for the triennium 1917-1920 were \$3743. The sales for the triennium 1920-1923 were \$10,982, or \$511 more than double the sales of the nine previous years.

Miss Marie Hilty, a student at Heidelberg University, has been engaged for part time to assist in the distribution of literature and other duties at the Tiffin Depository.

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The automobile and sight-seeing trips arranged largely through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Smith, added much to the pleasure of the delegates to the convention.

### Literature Exhibit

WHEN we entered the reception room of Central Church the first thing that greeted the eye was the literature exhibit. At the front was a table containing literature planned by our Educational Commission, printed by our own Printing Committee and sold from our Depositories. Here we found pag-

eants, story leaflets, program outlines, prayer calendars, Thank Offering services and helps of every sort. The quality of these publications ranks with the best. The line of eager customers and the satisfaction frequently expressed prove the truth of this assertion. Other denominations have discovered the value of our literature, and many orders come from sources outside our church.

On the walls of the exhibit room hung posters made by the girls of the Y. W. M. A. for the poster contest. Some posters announced meetings for the girls and some Mission Band meetings, but they were all made by the girls. Under these posters was an exhibit of missionary cut-outs—and paste-ups—to aid in making the Mission Band meetings more instructive and attractive.

In addition to the above there was a display of literature from other Women's Boards of Missions, each Board having samples arranged on a large card. This display had already traveled to several national denominational gatherings, and overflowed from our exhibit room to the adjoining reception room.

Then there was the interdenominational exhibit where subscriptions were taken to



MRS. C. A. KROUT PRESIDES AT THE LITERATURE EXHIBIT

"The day is long since past when a little handful of leaflets represents our whole output"



### *Missionary Review of the World and Everyland.*

The day is long since past when a little handful of leaflets represents our whole output. In this respect, as in many others, we have taken our place with other and larger denominations. We are justly proud of our literature.

K. H. GEKELER.

### **Facts and Figures Culled From the Treasurer's Report**

After self comes substance. At the close of the triennium we find that we have given more liberally of our substance than in the previous triennium. A study of the Treasurer's report in the June OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS will amply repay the effort. The grand total for the triennium was \$376,218, an increase over last triennium of \$211,275, or to state it in a different way, \$46,332 more than double the grand total of the previous triennium. The wide range of special gifts for Home and Foreign Missions makes interesting study. From the variety and number we gather that people like to give special gifts. For this triennium we hope to make many of our special gifts for equipment of the Thankoffering Hospital in Yochow.

### **Life Membership Department**

The few comparisons from the final report of Mrs. R. Ella Hahn are of special interest, as they show the completed work of the first Secretary in the department. The department was established in 1911 and since that time there have been made 486 Life Members, 308 Members in Memoriam. During the triennium Eastern Synod had 71 Life Members and 40 Members in Memoriam, a total of 111 additions; Potomac Synod, 29 Life Members, 40 Members in Memoriam, total addition 69; Pittsburgh, 35 Life Members, 20 Members in Memoriam, a total addition of 55; Central Synod, 36 Life Members, 16 Members in Memoriam, total addition of 52; Ohio, 32 Life Members, 18 Members in Memoriam, total addition 50; Midwest, 7 Life Members, 11 Members in Memoriam, total addition 18; German Synod of the East, 7 Life Members, 6 Members in Memoriam, total addition 13; Northwest Synod, 5 Life Members.

### **A Quiet Hour Concludes the Convention**

The closing hour of the convention found everyone in need of that refreshment which comes only from the fountain of waters of eternal life. Where a few hours earlier the feverish atmosphere of hurried concluding business matters produced a well-known excitement there was found the calm and quiet of the listening child. Mrs. Stolte closed the convention with a service prepared by Mrs. John Sommerlatte, of Cleveland.

Scripture, Matt. 5: 16. Theme, "All to the Glory of God."

"Speak a shade more kindly than the year before,

Pray a little oftener, love a little more,  
Cling a little closer to the Father's love,  
Then life below shall liker grow to the life above.

"Unseal my eyes, make vision clear,

And things unseen more visible,  
Attune my ears that I may hear  
Heaven's minstrelsies made audible."



TWO HELPERS

"It's surprising how many things women can think of to ask boys to do"

## THE NAME DAYTON HELPS US REMEMBER

That Philadelphia extended the invitation for May, 1926.

That a new record was registered when we assumed a responsibility in the support of the registrar in the Woman's Union Christian College at Nanking, China.

The creation of the Department of Stewardship of which Mrs. D. A. Winter, of Jeffersonville, Ind., is the first secretary.

Two changes in the General Secretaryships. Since the creation of the Life Membership and Member in Memoriam Department Mrs. R. Ella Hahn has been the efficient secretary. She desired to be relieved and

Mrs. J. W. Fillman, of Philadelphia, was elected to succeed her. Like conditions prevailed in the Department of Temperance and Mrs. Conrad Clever is succeeded by Mrs. C. C. Bost, of Hickory, N. C.

A step forward was made when Miss Marion Jones, of Bangor, Pa., was elected to be the Literature and Student Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, General Synod.

That membership in the so-called German Synods has increased to 2602, representing a gain of 80% over the membership of the same territory three years ago.

## ORGANIZATION NOTES

### A Missionary Society With Distinctive Officers

A new Woman's Missionary Society was organized in Eighth Church, Cleveland, Ohio, with forty-four charter members. The officers are as follows:

President, Mrs. Henry S. Gekeler (wife of editor of *Christian World*).

Vice-President, Mrs. Herbert Roesinger.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. James Yocum (sister-in-law of Rev. Yocum, Youngstown, Ohio).

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Naege (daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Roeder, Glen Rock, and niece of Miss Anna H. Groh, President Potomac Synod).

Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Wenger (sister of Rev. Paul Keller).

Chairman of Program Committee, Mrs. G. A. Rutenik (wife of Prof. Rutenik).

This interesting society is called the Paul Keller Missionary Society.

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Rev. Albert A. Meussling, of the New Basel Charge, organized a Woman's Missionary Society at Dillon, Kansas, on April 10th, with seventeen charter members. Mrs. Eli Hoffman is President. (This is one of the congregations where Institutes were held the past two years.)

Mrs. Paul Yoder reports the second Woman's Missionary Society organized in the Codorus Charge for this year. Zion's (Schaeffer's) at Seven Valley's was organized on May 20th, with eight members. Miss Lettie Hiendel is President.

### Northwest Synodical Meeting

The W. M. S. of Northwest Synod met in annual session April 21-22, at Sauk City, Wisconsin, Rev. C. J. Walenta, pastor. Where distances are so great it behooves us to devise ways and means of economizing, and to save railroad fare, we have decided to meet at the time and place of one of our Classical meetings. This year it happened to be in connection with Milwaukee Classical. Our business meeting, under the leadership of our president, Mrs. F. Steinecker, was intensely interesting, for there we could see where we had made advances, and also where we still must expend time and energy so that our work may become well rounded and balanced.

As speaker we had with us Rev. E. H. Zaugg, Ph.D., from Japan, and such personal contacts with our foreign field, are most valuable. The pastor of the local congregation delivered an inspiring sermon on Sunday morning, which urged us on to attempt greater things in our Master's name.

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The July issue of the *Missionary Review of the World* is to be especially devoted to the Home Mission Theme for 1923-24, "Saving America Through Her Girls and Boys." Order your extra copies from Carrie M. Kerschner, 408 Reformed Church Building, 15th and Race Streets, Philadelphia. Price 25c.

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## Literature Chat

CARRIE M. KEERSCHNER

"It is not the leap at the start, but the steady going on that gets there." Applied in the life of a Christian business man these words spelled SUCCESS. Shall we try them in our Missionary Societies this first year of the new Triennium?

The best in Literature is offered you. We present "The Magyar in America" for the first meeting in

### SEPTEMBER

The program outline prepared by Mrs. H. B. Dittenbach has interesting suggestions for your September meeting. This book will also be taught at all of the Summer Missionary Conferences of our Denomination. We call your attention to a number of items worthy of special notice that should be used in connection with your first meeting in the Fall.

The Program Packets will contain, in addition to other valuable material, a BUDGET leaflet. This is new for 1923-1924. Study it.

If you have not yet used the HOME MISSION Packet prepared by Mrs. Edwin W. Lentz this is a good time to begin. Price, 50c, postpaid. Program 1 is exclusively on the challenge of Hungarian Missions to the Reformed Church.

"AMAZING FACTS—W. M. S. G. S. Achievements" is the title of a new leaflet by Mrs. B. B. Krammes. It is beautifully illustrated and sells for 15c. With each order for one copy ten, non-illustrated, leaflets are sent free. Each person in your society should own one. Page 3 gives data concerning our Home Mission Achievements.

"TWELVE RAYS OF LIGHT" is the attractive title of a series of supplemental programs with sentence prayers for twelve meetings for the Mission Band. It has been compiled by Alma Iske. Price 25c.

The leaflet, "Code of Morals," to be used with the book, "The Child and America's Future," is 2c each, 20c per dozen.

"A Literature Demonstration," by Mrs. John Sommerlatte, is especially suitable for Classical and Synodical meetings, but can also be rendered in the local society, Five characters. Price, 8c.

"June's Dream at Dusk" is a devotional playlet written by Jeanette Ritter Heller. Four characters are required, time 20 minutes. Price, 5c. Suitable for both Woman's Societies and the Girls' Missionary Guilds.

### PACKETS

FOR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES. The Packets with one program outline based on "The Magyar in America" and one on "The Woman and the Leaven in Japan," with leaflets, etc., will sell for 35c. With six of each Program Outline the price is 50c. Single copies of Outlines, 10c; 60c per dozen. The new Standard of Excellence will also be in the Packet. This is for the entire Triennium and should be carefully studied and kept for future reference.

FOR GIRLS' MISSIONARY GUILDS. Packets will contain Outlines and Helps based on "The Child and America's Future," and "Japan on the Upward Trail." Price, 50c. Single Outlines, 10c; 60c per dozen. ("Young Japan" is for leaders only.)

FOR MISSION BANDS. Leaders' Guide and Helps on the Honorable Japanese Fan," plays, etc. Price, 50c. (The Home Mission Book is for leaders only.)

THANK OFFERING literature will be advertised in the August issue of this magazine. SECRETARIES *please take notice!* ALL Thank Offering boxes for Missionary Societies, Girls' Missionary Guilds and Mission Bands should now be ordered directly from the two depositories.

### BOOKS AT REDUCED PRICES

"Building With India," "India on the March," "The Wonderland of India," and "The Magic Box" have been reduced. Write for prices.

Eastern and Potomac Synods please order from Carrie M. Kerschner, 15th and Race Streets, Philadelphia. All other Synods order from Woman's Missionary Society, 14 Remmele Block, Tiffin, Ohio.



## Girls' Missionary Guild

MRS. J. EDWARD OMWAKE, SECRETARY

### "In the Vanguard of a Race"

#### The Religious Group

Chapter V.—Dr. Wm. N. De Berry

Chapter X.—Miss Martha Drummer

Chapter XI.—Rev. James H. Dunston

This group shows the city pastor and his work, the rural pastor and his sphere of operations, and the foreign missionary and her problems. All proving that the Negro Church has a distinct place in American life, and that it can serve its own people in a way that the white church is unable to do.

#### Aim for Chapter V

To show that true happiness is found in service to others, and to gain a share in that happiness by service to the Negro.

#### Questions

1. What was Dr. DeBerry's early aim? Pages 63-71.
2. Where did he first taste the joy of service? Page 65.
3. What were two great characteristics he possessed? Tell a story to illustrate each.
4. Why did he become a minister? Page 72.
5. What is the Springfield Community Chest? Page 77.
6. State the size and extent of his work. Pages 74-77.

#### Aim for Chapter X

To show that the Negro Race recognizes Africa's need of Christ and that it is willing to do its part to meet this need.

#### Questions

1. What two aims did Miss Drummer have when she began to work? Pages 131-132.
2. What part has the church in the North played in the development of the South? Page 132.
3. Give an example from her life showing the value of a sense of humor. Page 134.

4. What is her life-work? Page 135.
5. Describe her life in Africa. Pages 136-146.
6. What are the needs of Africa? Pages 146-147.

#### Aim for Chapter XI

To show that God may use the simplest tools to do the greatest work and to teach us to appreciate the humblest effort.

#### Questions

1. How many free people of color in the United States at the outbreak of the Civil War? Page 148.
2. Name four reasons for setting slaves free before the war. Pages 148-149.
3. Tell the story of the saving of St. Michael's Church.
4. What was James Dunston's one great ambition? Page 151.
5. What was his peculiar gift? Page 153.
6. When did he begin to preach and why? Page 154.
7. What was Dunston's religious doctrine? Page 157.
8. What principle of stewardship did he practice? Page 158.
9. What was his great text-book? Page 159.
10. What great lesson may we learn from his life? Pages 160-161.
11. How does he help America's prosperity and progress? Page 161.

#### General Problem

What are the contributions of the Negro to the life of the nation?

Answer: Pages 12, 14, 27, 34 show their capacity for God. Pages 61, 77, 92 show the development of organization for usefulness. Pages 94, 156, 161 show the development of prosperity through Negro effort. Pages 126, 168 show their gift for music.

For Poster: "Which of you who criticise the church is willing to *give your life* to make conditions better?" Chapter V.

"I am engaged in the best of services, for the best of masters, on the best of terms."—DRUMMER.

"I promised the Lord I'd give a tenth of all I made to His work."—DUNSTON.

## GIRLS' MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

A reward of ten dollars, to be used for sending a delegate to a missionary conference, was given to the girls of Grace Reformed Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for winning four points out of five in the Membership Campaign.

St. John's, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Salem's, Fort Wayne, Indiana, also won four points, but as the Milwaukee Church had the largest increase in membership (13), the reward was theirs, according to the rules of the contest.

Indianapolis, Ind.; Kenmore and Canton, Ohio, and Huntingdon, Pa., each had three points.

Greenville, Pa., and Hamilton, Ohio, deserve honorable mention for the splendid posters submitted.

We trust the Milwaukee Girls' Missionary Guild will receive inspiration and help because of the attendance of their delegate at a missionary conference.

## Organizing with the Girls

There is a steady increase in the number of girls and children enlisting in the missionary ranks.

A new Girls' Missionary Guild was organized at Elizabethville, Pa. (Salem Reformed Church), with 11 charter members. Their president is Ruth Miller.

Meyerdale, Pa. (St. Paul's Reformed Church), reports a new Girls' Missionary Guild with 8 charter members. Mary Hay was elected president.

During the sessions of General Synodical meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, the Girls' Missionary Guild work was presented at Hale Memorial Church, Dayton, Ohio, by Miss Iske, and a new Guild was the result. Louise Johnson is the president.

Miss Iske also presented the Mission Band work at Trinity Reformed Church, McCutchenville, Ohio, where a new Band was organized. Mrs. Mattie Jamison is the leader.

The Salem Reformed Church, of Buffalo, New York, has enlisted 17 children in a new Mission Band. Mrs. George L. Bremer is the leader.

Mrs. A. C. Renoll is the leader for the new Mission Band organized at St. John's Reformed Church, Fredonia, Pa.

Mrs. Harry DeVore and Mrs. Clarence Kelley are the leaders and organizers of a new Girls' Missionary Guild at First Reformed Church, Steelton, Pa. Miss Salome Shepherd, of Harrisburg, assisted in the organizing.

## GIRLS AND MISSION BAND LEADERS!

### Please Take Note

The following actions were taken at the General Synodical Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, May, 1923:

1. Name of girls' society changed from Young Woman's Missionary Auxiliary to **GIRLS' MISSIONARY GUILD**.

2. Eligible ages now 13 to 25 years, inclusive.

3. A double circle plan was adopted to use where expedient.

4. Monthly budget now to be forwarded **DIRECT TO CLASSICAL W. M. S. TREASURERS** by Guild Treasurers.

5. Girls' Missionary Guild Bible Verse, Luke 10: 27.

6. Girls' Missionary Guild Hymn, "Take My Life and Let it Be," Page 492, New Reformed Church Hymnal.

7. Thank-offering boxes to be ordered from depositories.

8. Girls' Missionary Guild pins to be ordered from depositories. The only change in the pin is in the lettering. The design and price are the same as the Y. W. M. A. pins (\$1).

9. A correct list of Guild Life Members and Members in Memoriam must be kept by local Guilds and reported through proper W. M. S. channels.

10. Requirements on Standard of Excellence changed. Each Guild is urged to meet them. Copies of same may be had free from the depositories.

11. Objects of the Budget have been changed. Budget leaflets may be had free from the depositories.

12. Girls' Missionary Guild pennants in blue and yellow felt, 12 by 24 inches, may be purchased from the depositories for 75 cents.

13. A revised Handbook is being printed. Each Guild should have a copy. Order from depositories. Price, 10 cents.

14. A Tenth Year Celebration of Girls' Missionary Guild as a separate department of the W. M. S. G. S. will be celebrated in 1924.

## The Mission Band

MRS. M. G. SCHUCKER, SECRETARY

1. Mission Band felt pennants in Reformed Church colors, 12 by 24 inches, may be purchased from the depositories for \$1.00.
2. Mission Band pins (2 cents each) to be ordered from depositories.
3. Thank-offering boxes to be ordered from depositories.
4. Budget to be forwarded direct to Classical W. M. S. Treasurers by Mission Band Leaders.
5. Requirements on Standard of Excellence changed. Each Band should have a copy and endeavor to meet them. Free from depositories.
6. Mission Band ages, birth to 12 years of age.

### After Me Cometh a Builder

**Y**OU have perhaps somewhere and sometime read of a great builder king, who during his reign caused the erection of a magnificent temple; but, however extensive his building operations, he had a vision of architectural projects beyond the

possibilities of his own time and accomplishments. So he caused these prophetic words, "After me cometh a builder," to be inscribed on the stones and materials of his own buildings. One can well understand that, in this faith and frame of mind he probably did more for architecture, for the religion which his temple glorified, and for the conception and realization of ideals among his people, than if he had been obsessed with the notion that his times and projects were the last word in such matters.

The General Secretary of Mission Bands, having just returned from Dayton, feels that it is her privilege and duty to make some statement to Mission Band workers concerning the present status and future prospects of the structure upon which so many capable and faithful workers in this department have labored. I trust your representative to Dayton will bring you something of value culled from our demonstration and exhibit there. The General Secretary is pleased to say that she learned much from the articles of exhibit sent in. It is to be regretted that, in the nature of the case, so few Mission Band workers could attend, for their experienced eyes could have surely discovered new and valuable suggestions. The General Secretary wishes all workers to



A CORNER OF THE MISSION BAND EXHIBIT



share with her the satisfaction that in every item of the report there was increase. Looking upon all that has been built up in the Mission Band Department, she also felt that she had a vision which she wishes she could declare of what this work can and will become. Every item of report and every article of exhibit seemed to her figuratively inscribed with "After me cometh a builder." Like the king in the story, we may be justly proud of our building. However, it is not to laud our achievements that this is written but for the definite purpose of affording a glimpse of the prophetic vision and of imparting a pulse of the hopeful spirit manifest in "After me cometh a builder." There is truth in the vision and the fulfillment will not tarry. The inspiring thought is that we are tributary by all we do to that greater, grander building that will be, but only as it is elaborated after the pattern and from the materials with which we build.

We will, therefore, plan for greater things. Plan now, having the whole year in prospect. Plan that in every item of your report there may be increase. Have you all the children that are within your

reach enrolled? How about the Mission Light group? How can the enrollment of others be secured? Do you always plan ahead so you can announce a program that will swell attendance? Or, do you put off planning till the day before the meeting and then worry because nothing comes to mind? Never neglect to announce and advertise. Certain kinds and amounts of contributions are now being expected of Mission Bands. It is left to the good judgment of leaders to find the golden mean between over-encouraging Bands in this matter of contributions and neglecting it too much. Synodical Secretaries should trace in consultation with Classical Secretaries every instance where there is decrease or defection and seek to apply a remedy. Classical Secretaries should likewise correspond with their local Secretaries. Decadent and defunct Bands should be revived. Recession of every nature should be forestalled wherever possible and an advance engineered. Underlying all these tangible results may the aims set forth in the May number of this column appear in abundant measure to cheer leaders and glorify our work.

## THE BUDGET

### of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., including Woman's, Young Woman's and Mission Band Departments

*Adopted May 18th, 1923, for the first year of Triennium, May 1st, 1923, to May 1st, 1926*

#### Policy

All new members received during any time of the Fiscal Year shall pay budget from date of membership, this amount to be included in the next month's remittance, and applied on budget herein named.

Budget of Missionary Societies—based upon a membership of 23,204.

To Home Work .....	@ .70	\$16,242.80
To Foreign Work .....	@ .80	18,563.20
To Contingent Fund .....	@ .10	2,320.40
Educational Work and Secretaries .....	@ .20	4,640.80
<b>Total Budget .....</b>		<b>\$41,767.20</b>

#### Teachers

#### Home Missions

(6) One Full Time Teacher		
(5) Five Part Time Teachers		
(1) Teacher Japanese Work, San Francisco .....	@ .10¾	\$2,407.42
(1) Teacher Japanese Work, Los Angeles .....	@ .05¼	1,189.20
(3) Hungarian Deaconesses .....	@ .13¾	3,190.55
(2) American Deaconesses .....	@ .10¾	2,407.42
(3) Jewish Work, Philadelphia .....	@ .21½	5,017.86
(2) Church Building Funds .....	@ .04¼	986.17
(2) Teachers' Indian School Tri-Synodic Board .....	@ .04½	1,044.18

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>.70</b>	<b>\$16,242.80</b>
Supporting 24 workers.		

Teachers				Foreign Work	
(5)	To Miyagi Girls' School, Japan, Teachers' Salary and Support.....@	.26¼	\$6,091.05		
(2)	Salaries of Evangelists, Japan.....@	.08⅞	2,059.36		
(1)	Salary of Kindergarten Teacher, Japan.....@	.04⅜	1,015.18		
(2)	To Ziemer Memorial Girls' School, Yochow, China.....@	.07¼	1,682.29		
(5)	To Girls' School, Shenchow.....@	.16	3,712.64		
(1)	Evangelists' Work, China.....@	.04¾	986.17		
(2)	Medical Work, Shenchow.....@	.05⅞	1,189.20		
(2)	Medical Work, Yochow.....@	.05⅞	1,189.20		
	Christian Literature.....@	.00½	116.02		
	Mrs. Hoy's Industrial Work.....@	.01¼	290.05		
	European Relief.....@	.01	232.04		
			.80		\$18,563.20
To Ginling College, by West New York Classis, Free Will.....					\$750.00
Supporting 21 workers.					
	Contingent Fund.....@	.10	\$2,320.40		
	Educational Work and Secretaries.....@	.20	4,640.80		
	Total Budget—Membership 23,204.....@	1.80	41,767.20		

**Budget Girls' Missionary Guild**  
Based upon membership 3,537 @ 1.15.  
Budget and Contingents..... \$4,067.55

Home			
(1)	Teacher, Indian School..@.22⅝	800.25	
(1)	American Teacher.....@.22⅝	800.25	
	Migrant Work, Girls' Work.....@.04¾	168.00	
		.60	\$1,768.50

Foreign			
(1)	Teacher, Ziemer Memorial, Yochow, China...@.21¾	\$769.29	
(1)	Teacher, Miyagi Girls' School, Japan.....@.23¼	999.21	
		.50	\$1,768.50
	General Contingent Fund....@.05	\$176.85	
	General Education Work....@.10	353.70	
	District Synodical.....@.05	176.85	
Supporting 4 workers.			\$707.40

**Mission Band Budget**  
Based upon a membership 7,234.

Home Work			
(1)	Teacher, Indian School.....	\$ 800.00	
(1)	Kindergarten Teacher, San Francisco.....	300.00	
			\$1,100.00

Foreign Work			
	Teacher, Kindergarten, Japan.....	\$ 400.00	
	Medical Work, Yochow, China.....	700.00	
(To part support of Teacher and Nurse)			

Thank Offering Statement		1922 to 1923	
Home Balance.....	\$10,977.68		
Foreign Balance.....	15,357.42		
Disbursements.....	9,000.00		
On hand for Thank Offering Hospital.....	\$6,367.42		
Cost of Community House.....	\$43,000.00		
Paid.....	40,977.68		
Balance Due.....	\$2,122.32		

**Thank Offering Woman's Missionary Societies, 1923 to 1924**

Home	
To Complete Building—San Francisco.....	\$ 2,122.32
(3) Hungarian Teachers.....	3,000.00
(3) American Teachers.....	3,600.00
Schaaf Memorial Building—Philadelphia, Pa.....	10,000.00
Equipment Community House.....	2,000.00
Foreign	
To Ziemer Memorial School.....	4,000.00
Completion of Thank Offering Hospital and Equipment.	

**Thank Offering Girls' Missionary Guild**

Foreign	
Completion of Kindergarten Building, Yochow, China.....	\$1,100.00
Home	
To equip Girls' Club Room Community House, San Francisco....	\$500.00

**Thank Offering Mission Band**  
Equipment of Children's Ward, Thank Offering Hospital, China.

**Thank Offering Program Assumed 1924 to 1926**

Hungarian and American Deaconesses.	
Completion of Schaaf Memorial Fund.	
Church Building Funds.	
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The fifty-five thousand dollar thank offering which marked the close of the 1920 triennium was a prophecy of what we can accomplish. The fulfillment of the prophecy is in the years far ahead—we have passed the one hundred thousand mark and are moving ahead. The following brief summary is culled from the interesting report of the Secretary, Mrs. Allen K. Zartman:

### Report by Synods for Last Year of Triennium

SYNODS	W. M. S.	Y. W. M. A.	M. B.	TOTAL
Eastern .....	\$10,400.84	\$ 446.12	\$ 256.53	\$11,103.49
Ohio .....	7,171.18	1,102.26	133.57	8,407.01
Pittsburgh .....	4,703.40	354.23	161.57	5,219.20
Potomac .....	5,165.78	429.44	245.07	5,840.29
Central .....	4,181.69	402.98	114.17	4,698.84
Mid West .....	3,956.18	715.48	161.94	4,833.60
Northwest .....	1,030.47	143.26	64.72	1,238.45
Jer. S. of East.....	661.24	15.98	....	677.22
Total .....	\$37,270.78	\$3,609.75	\$1,137.57	\$42,018.10
Related Thank Offerings paid to Mrs. Anewalt .....				752.34
				Total, \$42,770.44

### Total Offerings for Triennium

SYNODS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TOTAL
Eastern .....	\$ 9,260.36	\$9,634.52	\$11,103.49	\$29,998.37
Ohio .....	7,933.85	7,668.56	8,407.01	24,009.42
Pittsburgh .....	1,405.17	1,453.25	5,219.20	11,077.62
Potomac .....	4,900.86	5,307.30	5,840.29	16,048.45
Central .....	3,823.63	4,099.88	4,698.84	12,622.35
Mid West .....	3,251.36	3,449.76	4,833.60	11,534.72
Northwest .....	1,165.28	1,253.02	1,238.45	3,656.75
Jer. S. of East.....	391.63	582.43	677.22	1,651.28
Additional Gifts .....	1,023.29	589.67	752.34	2,365.30
Total .....	\$36,155.43	\$37,038.39	\$42,770.44	\$115,964.26

### Classes Giving Largest Offerings During Triennium

Pinecarawas .....	\$7,304.58
Fort Wayne .....	4,769.54
Miami .....	1,623.99
Westmoreland .....	1,555.02
Philadelphia .....	1,496.01
Allegheny .....	1,369.36
North Carolina .....	3,953.94
St. John's .....	3,916.70
Tiffin .....	3,869.27
Eastern Ohio .....	3,608.84

### Synodical Y. W. M. A. Giving Largest Offerings This Year

Ohio .....	\$1,102.26
Mid West .....	715.48
Eastern .....	116.12
Potomac .....	129.11
Central .....	102.98

### Synodical Y. W. M. A. Giving Largest Offerings in Triennium

Ohio .....	\$2,923.83
Mid West .....	1,123.28
Eastern .....	1,128.62
Pittsburgh .....	1,076.32
Central .....	1,020.12

Per Capita for 1923: W. M. S., \$1.75; Y. W. M. A., \$1.20; M. B., \$.10  
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